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SSM Health Oklahoma Assumes Operations of Midwest City Hospital

MIDWEST CITY – SSM Health Oklahoma (SSM Health) has officially assumed responsibility for Midwest City hospital operations, medical group operations and ambulance service after more than a year-long collaboration with the City of Midwest City to set the future vision of health care in eastern Oklahoma County and nearby communities. Effective April 1, 2021, at 12:01 am, the hospital located at 2825 Parklawn Drive in Midwest City became SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Midwest.

As a part of the transition, SSM Health entered into a long-term lease agreement with the City of Midwest City for the hospital, whereby SSM Health will collaborate with the city on future operations and services for the residents of eastern Oklahoma County and surrounding communities.

Kevin L. Lewis, MD has been named President of the hospital. Dr. Lewis joined SSM Health Oklahoma in June 2018 as Regional President of SSM Health Medical Group. He previously served as the System Chief Medical Officer of Parkridge Health System and Chief Medical Officer for CHI Memorial Health Care system in Chattanooga, Tenn. In addition to serving as President of St. Anthony Hospital - Midwest, he will continue in his senior leadership role with SSM Health Medical Group.

Fourteen providers with offices in Midwest City, Choctaw, Moore and Shawnee joined SSM Health Medical Group as a part of this transition.

"We are pleased to begin this important journey alongside the employees and providers who are dedicated to serving the residents of Midwest City and surrounding communities," stated Joe Hodges, Regional President, SSM Health Oklahoma. "By expanding our presence in this rapidly-growing area in eastern Oklahoma County and nearby communities, we will be in an even better position to improve the health of Oklahomans and further our Mission, "Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God."

"We look forward to the next chapter of our collaboration with SSM Health," stated City Manager Tim Lyon. "Despite the challenges of the pandemic throughout our discussions, SSM Health has shown their steadfast commitment to working with us for the betterment of the health of our residents. Together, we have developed many short and long-term plans for health care in our community and look forward to working with SSM Health to bring them to reality."

A dedication and blessing event will be held in late April.

About SSM Health in Oklahoma

SSM Health in Oklahoma includes SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital (Oklahoma City); Bone & Joint Hospital at St. Anthony (Oklahoma City); St. Anthony South (Oklahoma City) and St. Anthony Hospital - Shawnee (Shawnee, Okla.) and St. Anthony Hospital - Midwest (Midwest City). The SSM Health network in Oklahoma also includes four SSM Health St. Anthony Healthplex campuses, a community freestanding ER (El Reno, Okla.), five managed rural hospitals, 11 affiliated rural hospitals, and SSM Health Medical Group with more than 250 physicians and providers.

About SSM Health

<u>SSM Health</u> is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities across the Midwest through a robust and fully integrated health care delivery system. The organization's nearly 40,000 employees and 11,000 providers are committed to providing exceptional health care services and revealing God's healing presence to everyone they serve.

With care delivery sites in Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, SSM Health includes 23 hospitals, more than 290 physician offices and other outpatient and virtual care services, 10 post-acute facilities, comprehensive home care and hospice services, a pharmacy benefit company, a health insurance company and an accountable care organization. It is one of the largest employers in every community it serves.

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