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Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Lake Forest Hospital Sign Affiliation Agreement

Lake Forest Hospital and Northwestern Memorial HealthCare announced today that they have signed an affiliation agreement to form an integrated healthcare system. Lake Forest Hospital will become a subsidiary of Northwestern Memorial HealthCare, the corporate parent of Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

“The pairing of our academic medical center with such a respected community hospital will greatly benefit our patients at both campuses.” said Dean M. Harrison, president and chief executive officer, Northwestern Memorial HealthCare. “The affiliation between Northwestern Memorial and Lake Forest Hospital will enable better access to care, clinical trials, new and expanded services and the latest technologies for patients in Lake and Cook Counties and the surrounding regions.”

Northwestern Memorial, along with the Feinberg School of Medicine, also looks forward to the participation and engagement of the medical staff at Lake Forest Hospital as we create this new health system. “We value the community physicians at Lake Forest and recognize the important role they play in their respective communities,” added Harrison.

“Once affiliated, Northwestern Memorial and Lake Forest Hospital will offer patients integrated primary, secondary and advanced tertiary services that are currently not broadly available,” said Thomas J. McAfee, Lake Forest Hospital’s president and chief executive officer. “We are excited about the possibilities this affiliation will provide our area residents, employees and physicians.

Northwestern Memorial and Lake Forest Hospital expect to close the affiliation following receipt of the necessary federal and state approvals. This process could take several months.

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About Lake Forest Hospital

Lake Forest Hospital is a 215-bed community hospital staffed by 650 board-certified physicians and 1,714 employees, conveniently located in offices throughout Lake County. The hospital has been named the ‘Consumer Choice’ hospital for Lake and Kenosha Counties four years in a row by National Research Corporation for having the best doctors, best nurses, best image and reputation, and best overall quality.

The hospital’s mission is to provide communities the highest quality health care through exceptional access to state-of-the-art clinical services with compassionate and personal care.

Clinical services are delivered at the hospital’s Lake Forest and Grayslake campuses, and at facilities in Bannockburn, Glenview, Gurnee—Brookside, Gurnee—Tower Court, Libertyville, Lindenhurst and Vernon Hills. At the main hospital in Lake Forest, exemplary care is provided in Cain Family Emergency Services, the Hunter Family Center for Women’s Health, the Posy Krehbiel Breast Care Center, the Waud Family Maternity Center and the Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy. CareCoach, Lake County’s only mobile health program, provides health screenings for the underserved at 25 locations throughout the region. For more information, visit www.lfh.org.

About Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Northwestern Memorial Hospital is one of the country’s premier not-for-profit academic medical centers and is the primary teaching hospital of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Along with its Prentice Women’s Hospital and Stone Institute of Psychiatry, the hospital comprises 854 beds, 1,554 affiliated physicians and 7,144 employees. Northwestern Memorial is recognized for providing exemplary patient care and state-of-the art advancements in the areas of cardiovascular care; women’s health; oncology; neurology and neurosurgery; solid organ and soft tissue transplants and orthopaedics.

Northwestern Memorial possesses nursing Magnet Status, the nation’s highest recognition for patient care and nursing excellence, and it is listed in 11 clinical specialties in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2009 “America’s Best Hospitals” guide. For 10 years running, it has been rated among the “100 Best Companies for Working Mothers” guide by *Working Mother* magazine. The hospital is a recipient of the prestigious National Quality Health Care Award and has been chosen by Chicagoans as their “most preferred hospital” according to the National Research Corporation’s annual survey for 14 years and the Consumer Choice winner for 10 consecutive years. For more information, visit www.nmh.org.