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Edgerton Hospital and SSM Health Care of Wisconsin Form Official Affiliation

Edgerton Hospital and Health Services (EHHS) and SSM Health Care of Wisconsin (SSMHC/WI) have signed an expanded affiliation agreement that provides SSMHC/WI with a minority interest in EHHS. The agreement expands the current relationship and provides the legal framework to allow the two organizations to work together to enhance health care in south-central Wisconsin. Under the agreement, SSMHC/WI, the parent company of St. Mary's Hospital (Madison), St. Clare Hospital (Baraboo) and St. Mary's Janesville Hospital, will have a 49 percent financial interest in the hospital.

Jim Pernau, CEO of Edgerton Hospital, will continue to report to a board composed of 13 community members - 11 from EHHS and 2 from SSMHC/WI - and the hospital will remain under local control. "SSM Health Care is one of the top health systems in the country," said Pernau. "This affiliation ensures Edgerton Hospital and Health Services will be able to serve the community's needs for years to come. And, with our recent finance approval, we are looking forward to offering quality care in a new facility."

"We're proud to serve Edgerton and its surrounding communities and to partner with such an outstanding team," says Mary Starmann-Harrison, Regional President/CEO of SSMHC/WI. "Health care is best administered on the local level and today's announcement assures the community that the exceptional health care services will continue."

Edgerton Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital. The hospital serves the communities of Edgerton, Milton and surrounding communities. Founded in 1923, the facility offers inpatient,

outpatient, surgical, diagnostic, emergency, urgent care and rehabilitation services. For additional information about Edgerton Hospital, please visit www.edgertonhospital.com.

***SSM Health Care of Wisconsin** serves an 18-county area in south-central Wisconsin, owning and operating St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, St. Clare Hospital & Health Services in Baraboo, and their two respective nursing homes along with the future St. Mary's Janesville Hospital. SSMHC/WI is also affiliated with Columbus Community Hospital, Stoughton Hospital Association, Upland Hills Health, Inc. in Dodgeville, and Boscobel Area Health Care. SSMHC/WI and its physician partner Dean Clinic collaborate in a number of health care services, including St. Mary's Dean Ventures (SMDV) which sponsors primary care clinics throughout the 18-county service area.*

*SSMHC/WI is a member of **SSM Health Care**. Sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and based in St. Louis, MO, SSM Health Care is one of the largest Catholic systems in the country and the first recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige award for quality. The system has 15 acute care hospitals and two nursing homes in four states: Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and Oklahoma. For additional information about SSM Health Care, please visit SSMHC's homepage at www.ssmhc.com.*

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