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### **United Hospital System to Expand Affiliation with Froedtert Health**

**Milwaukee, Wis. (April 27, 2017)** — Kenosha’s United Hospital System, with hospital campuses in Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie, and Froedtert Health have signed a letter of intent to expand their current relationship.

The proposed agreement calls for United Hospital System (United) to expand its affiliation with Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network and to adopt Froedtert & MCW care quality protocols and best practices. The two organizations also would share an electronic health records system. United would continue to operate as a locally led organization, retain its current health system departments and administrative services, medical group leadership and credentialing. Conditioned upon due diligence and effective on closing, United will change its name to Froedtert South and will operate under the external brand name of Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network.

“Our two health care systems have had a relationship for many years and we share many similar values,” said Catherine Jacobson, president and chief executive officer of Froedtert Health. “Recent discussions about partnering in an Epic implementation led to conversations about a deeper affiliation that would enhance care quality, coordination and better serve patients.”

“Our goal in seeking a stronger partnership with Froedtert & MCW is to expand the breadth and depth of health care services available in our community,” said Ric Schmidt, president, chief executive officer and general counsel of United Hospital System. “As the healthcare landscape continues its dramatic, unpredictable shift, it makes sense to align more closely with an academic medical center partner we already know and trust. This affiliation is designed to support our responsiveness to our patients and our presence in the community.”

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Froedtert Health and United Hospital System will conduct a due diligence process before the proposed affiliation is finalized. If approved by both health systems' boards of directors, the agreement would take effect Oct. 1, 2017.

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### **About United Hospital System**

United Hospital System is a comprehensive regional healthcare system that has served southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois communities for more than 114 years. United Hospital System provides services primarily through the Kenosha Medical Center Campus and the St. Catherine's Medical Center Campus and several other clinic locations. United strives to recruit and retain highly qualified and well-trained physicians and staff and purchase the best diagnostic and therapeutic medical equipment that financial resources will permit. United employs 2,314 employees and has over 300 physicians, mid-levels, and other providers on its medical staff. In FY2016, United had 7,837 admissions, 70,126 Emergency Department visits, and 333,250 outpatient visits. United also strives to be accessible to all members of the communities we serve by providing emergent and urgent healthcare needs irrespective of ability to pay. This is United's commitment to the fundamental components of quality, accessibility and affordability which impact the delivery of healthcare. For more information, visit [uhsi.org](http://uhsi.org).

### **About Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin**

The Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin regional health network is a partnership between Froedtert Health and the Medical College of Wisconsin. It comprises eastern Wisconsin's only academic medical center, Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee; Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls; and St. Joseph's Hospital, West Bend. The health network also includes more than 2,700 physicians across 25 primary and specialty clinical locations representing the collaboration of Wisconsin's largest multispecialty physician practice with a community-based physician group. The network's three hospitals have 804 staffed beds, more than 40,000 annual admissions and nearly 966,000 annual outpatient visits. Froedtert & MCW network physicians have more than 775,000 annual patient visits at its health centers and clinics. For more information, visit [froedtert.com](http://froedtert.com).