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Sunnyside Community Hospital & Clinics Signs Agreement to Acquire Yakima and Toppenish Hospitals

Dec. 13, 2016 – (Yakima, WA) An agreement has been reached for Sunnyside Community Hospital & Clinics to acquire Yakima Regional Medical & Cardiac Center and Toppenish Community Hospital and their associated physician clinics and outpatient services from subsidiaries of Tennessee-based Community Health Systems, Inc. When the transaction is complete, the agreement will expand access and build an even stronger network of care for people in the region.

“We are very pleased this agreement has taken shape and look forward to welcoming both Yakima Regional Medical & Cardiac Center and Toppenish Community Hospital into our organization,” said John Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer of Sunnyside Community Hospital & Clinics.

“We view this acquisition as a continued investment in the healthcare of the entire Yakima Valley and believe it will increase quality of care while keeping our healthcare dollars local. This fits well with our vision to be the region’s comprehensive healthcare provider of choice,” continued Gallagher.

Each of the hospitals is respected in their communities, with histories of caring for patients extending back for decades.

“Joining together to create a regional network offers benefits to our patients and community members who count on us to provide them with personalized, quality health care services,” said Bryan Braegger, Chief Executive Officer, Yakima Regional Medical & Cardiac Center. “All of our caregivers are committed to our patients. This agreement provides opportunities to build on our common mission to improve the health of our communities.”

The purchase agreement includes a commitment from Sunnyside to offer employment to all active Yakima and Toppenish employees in good standing at the time of the transaction close. Privileges will continue for all physicians in good standing on the medical staffs.

The transaction is expected to be complete in the second quarter of next year, subject to customary regulatory approvals and closing conditions.

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