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**METROSOUTH MEDICAL CENTER AND PHYSICIANS IMMEDIATE CARE FORM
JOINT VENTURE TO OPEN CLINIC IN ALSIP, IL**

Parties will jointly operate an immediate care and occupational medicine facility in Alsip

(BLUE ISLAND, IL) - In a move designed to increase access and help patients better manage their healthcare, MetroSouth Medical Center and Physicians Immediate Care have announced formation of a new joint venture that will operate an immediate care and occupational medicine facility in Alsip, IL.

The move supports both organizations' efforts to most effectively manage the care of the patients they serve. The joint venture achieves this by creating more access points for patients, providing needed care in a lower cost setting than an emergency department, and improving care coordination among providers.

The state-of-the-art clinic, located at 4800 W 129th Street, will be open seven days a week with patient-friendly hours. The location will treat patients from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. This clinic is fully equipped with 6 exam rooms, a trauma room, a testing room, and 2 drug screen rooms, along with X-ray capability and lab testing.

The clinic will offer urgent care services for treating non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses. It will also offer occupational medicine services to employers for treatment of work-related injuries, drug and alcohol testing and a variety of work-related physical examinations.

"We're excited to partner with Physicians Immediate Care, expanding the healthcare options available for the communities of Alsip and Blue Island, and the surrounding areas," said John Baird, CEO, MetroSouth Medical Center.

"Coordinating care between the family physician, the hospital, and our clinic creates a more efficient and affordable experience for our patients," added Stan Blaylock, CEO of Physicians Immediate Care.

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About MetroSouth Medical Center

MetroSouth Medical Center (MetroSouth) is a 314-bed, acute care hospital with a blend of private and semi-private rooms located in the City of Blue Island, immediately adjacent to the southern end of Chicago and 18 miles south of downtown Chicago. MetroSouth has a network of seven health centers and 40 medical specialties, a nationally-recognized cardiac program, stroke telemedicine with 24 hour neurology coverage, Senior Behavioral Health Unit, Level 2E Birthing Center, and 24 hour laborists and hospitalists coverage. MetroSouth promotes quality, safe care in a compassionate, patient-focused environment with a medical staff of 450 healthcare professionals. The staff and physicians are committed to create an environment of healing, caring and connection for patients and families in the communities MetroSouth serves.

About Physicians Immediate Care

Physicians Immediate Care, also known as Physicians Urgent Care, is a Midwest leader in urgent care and occupational health. For more than 25 years, it has provided affordable, convenient medical care to more than one million patients. The company is dedicated to building healthy communities by providing remarkable care you can count on, when and where you need it. It has a network of more than 40 clinics, each fully equipped to provide X-rays, lab testing, medical exams, minor procedures and treatments for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries. For locations and services, go to visitphysicians.com.