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OSF HEALTHCARE AND PHYSICIANS IMMEDIATE CARE FORM JOINT VENTURE

Parties will jointly operate 5 urgent care and occupational medicine facilities

(Rockford, IL) – In a move designed to increase access and help patients better manage their health care, OSF HealthCare and Physicians Immediate Care have formed a new joint venture that will operate urgent care and occupational medicine facilities in the greater Rockford area. 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 move supports both organizations' efforts to most effectively manage the care of the patients they serve.

Under the agreement, Physicians Immediate Care will continue to be the medical provider of services in these clinics with management services provided by the joint venture. Physicians Immediate Care and OSF HealthCare will also work collaboratively to provide occupational services to corporate clients and their employees in the Rockford area.

"This strategic partnership will provide patients with greater access to convenient, affordable, quality care," says Dr. Michael Kouimelis, Director, Primary Care, OSF HealthCare Northern Region. "Patients will benefit from additional locations for their immediate care and occupational health needs, and those who need longer term care will be connected with OSF HealthCare physicians for continued treatment."

The joint venture will include five existing immediate care/occupational medicine clinics. The state-of-the-art clinics are open seven days a week with patient-friendly hours. They are fully equipped with X-ray capability, lab testing and 6-8 exam rooms -- including a pediatric room and trauma room -- for treating non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses.

“We are honored to partner with OSF in the Rockford region that we have proudly served for over 30 years,” says Stan Blaylock, CEO of Physicians Immediate Care. “We share a common mission of providing our patients and our clients with the “greatest care” possible; at Physicians Immediate Care our passion is “remarkable care you can count on.” Together with OSF, we intend to provide the community with even more access to convenient, cost-effective urgent care and occupational health services.”

The health care industry is shifting its focus from treating the sick to working proactively to keep people healthy. This partnership is part of OSF’s larger effort to embrace that shift and ensure that it is treating people in the right place, at the right time and delivering on the triple aim of health care - providing clinical excellence, outstanding value and exceptional experience to achieve better health for the communities it serves.

“We are pleased that this partnership will enable us to continue to improve access to care and serve the needs of those for whom cost and convenience are a significant consideration,” says Dr. Kouimelis.

Clinic Locations:

Belvidere - 1663 Belvidere Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008

Rockford - E. State - 6595 E State St, Rockford, IL 61108

Rockford - S. Alpine - 3475 S Alpine Rd. Rockford, IL 61109

Machesney Park - 11475 N 2nd St, Machesney Park, IL 61115

Loves Park - 1000 E Riverside Blvd, Loves Park, IL 61111

About OSF HealthCare

OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, based in Peoria, Illinois. It includes eleven acute care facilities, two colleges of nursing, and a physician organization with clinical service lines in cardiovascular services, neurosciences and pediatrics. OSF Healthcare employs nearly 900 physicians and more than 300 Advanced Practitioners operating in more than 100 office sites. OSF HealthCare operates an extensive network of home health services; owns OSF Saint Francis, Inc., comprised of healthcare-related businesses; and OSF Healthcare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization. More at www.osfhealthcare.org

About Physicians Immediate Care

Physicians Immediate Care, also known as Physicians Urgent Care, is the Midwest leader in urgent care and occupational health services with 42 locations in Illinois and Indiana. For more than 30 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. For locations and services, go to www.visitphysicians.com