

FAQs:

What are you announcing today?

Mercy, Mosaic Life Care and University of Missouri Health Care are joining together to form a multi-state provider network – MPact Health.

Who are these organizations?

Collectively, St. Louis-based Mercy, St. Joseph-based Mosaic Life Care and Columbia-based University of Missouri Health Care have more than 5,600 hospital beds, more than 47,000 employees and approximately 3,000 employed and affiliated physicians. The health systems serve patients in urban and rural areas of Missouri and surrounding states.

Why are you establishing a network?

As individual health systems, each of our organizations has demonstrated progress in redesigning our care models and implementing innovative solutions to withstand the challenges of a rapidly changing health care environment. Together, building our similar patient-centered cultures, ability to leverage technology and share data, and drawing on our combined clinical and administrative expertise, we believe we will be even better positioned to meet the health needs of Missouri and the surrounding region.

How will MPact benefit patients?

This collaboration among providers will benefit patients by accelerating improvements in health care quality, care coordination and access. We're very focused on what consumers want and need, now and in the future. MPact Health is designed to deliver value: low cost, high quality and high satisfaction.

What is your goal?

Our goal is to build on our similar patient-centered cultures, leverage technology, share data and best practices, and use our combined clinical and administrative expertise to advance health care for patients in Missouri and beyond.

How will you accomplish this?

The three health systems will work together to share best practices and develop collaborative solutions in our business, clinical and operational practices. The work of the network will be conducted by task forces comprised of leaders and physicians from each health system.

Do you have specific projects in mind?

Specific initiatives already underway by task forces include:

- o Expanding telemedicine to underserved areas of Missouri
- o Enhancing health care quality led by physician teams

- o Creating a database for analytical research and evidence-based medicine to support population health management
- o Working to offer innovative health network options that are patient-centered and offer high-quality care at a lower cost
- o Exploring the development of a clinically integrated network of employed, independent and private practice physicians focused on improving health care quality and outcomes

Why did these three health systems in particular choose to collaborate?

The three organizations have been meeting together for several years to share best practices, focusing on service delivery transformation, information technology, preparation of the workforce for the future and population health principles. We all share a commitment to patient- and family-centered care, and to improving health care quality, access to care and patient satisfaction. The formation of MPact Health provides a more formal structure for collaboration among the three health systems.

Are other hospitals and health systems welcome to join MPact?

We are open to meeting with other provider organizations that share MPact's commitment to improving health care quality and patient satisfaction, expanding access to care and lowering health care costs.

How is MPact Health different from the Health Network of Missouri?

MPact Health is a multi-state collaborative, while the Health Network of Missouri is a regional collaborative.

Is MPact Health an ACO?

No. The new collaborative will be structured to allow members to work together as equal partners on common goals while enabling each health system to serve the health care needs of its communities and preserve its independence and unique identity.

Will you be sharing data?

Yes. We will be developing a formal data-sharing agreement so we can work together to improve patient outcomes.

Is this a merger between Mosaic, Mercy and MU Health Care?

No. MPact Health members will work together as equal partners on common goals, while enabling each health system to serve the health care needs of its communities and preserve its independence and unique identity.

Are you going to be targeting payers or offering a health insurance product?

We are open to considering all solutions that offer high quality, better access and lower costs to those we serve.

Will there be teaching/educational opportunities for MU students with network members? Both Mercy and Mosaic Life Care have had longstanding relationships (10 years-Mercy, 15+ years-Mosaic Life Care) as community partners with MU's School of Medicine. Both health systems collaborate with the MU School of Medicine and the Southwest and Northwest Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) to train medical students through the medical school's Rural Track Pipeline Program. As the state's leading educator of physicians practicing in Missouri, the MU School of Medicine is in a key position to improve the supply and distribution of physicians in rural Missouri. We believe the MPact collaborative has the potential to expand learning opportunities for MU medical students.

What's the governance structure for MPact Health?

MPact Health will be governed by a nine-member board of directors, composed of three members from each of the three systems. Mark Laney, M.D., president and CEO of Mosaic Life Care, serves as board chair. The list of board members is available on MPact-Health.com.

Will MPact have an administrator?

Yes. Dirck Clark of Kansas City, who formerly served as chief strategy officer for Mosaic Life Care, serves as president of MPact Health. Clark also serves as board chair of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce.