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**MERCY, MOSAIC LIFE CARE, MU HEALTH CARE ANNOUNCE
PLANS FOR MULTI-STATE PROVIDER NETWORK**

MISSOURI – Mercy, Mosaic Life Care and University of Missouri Health Care today announced plans to form a multi-state provider network.

“Our goal is to build on similar patient-centered cultures, leverage technology and use our combined clinical and administrative expertise to increase access and improve health care for patients in Missouri and beyond,” said Harold A. Williamson, Jr., M.D., executive vice chancellor of the MU Health System.

The three organizations have been meeting together for several years to share best practices, including service delivery transformation, information technology, preparation of the workforce for the future, and population health principles.

Combined, St. Louis-based Mercy, St. Joseph-based Mosaic Life Care and Columbia-based University of Missouri 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.

“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,” said Mike McCurry, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Mercy. “Together, we believe we will be even

better positioned to meet the health needs of Missouri and the surrounding region.

Patients benefit when providers collaborate to accelerate improvements in quality, care coordination and access.”

The new collaborative, MPact Health, 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.

“We’re very focused on what consumers want and need, now and in the future,” said Mark Laney, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Mosaic Life Care and MPact Health board chair. “MPact Health is designed to deliver value: low cost, high quality and high satisfaction.”

To meet that goal, the three health systems will work together to share best practices in 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.

Specific initiatives already underway by task forces include:

- Expanding telemedicine to underserved areas of Missouri
- Enhancing health care quality led by physician teams
- Creating a database for analytical research and evidence-based medicine to support population health management
- Working with payers to offer innovative network options that are patient-centered and offer high-quality care at a lower cost
- Exploring the development of a clinically integrated network of employed, independent and private practice physicians focused on improving health care quality and outcomes

MPact Health will be governed by a nine-member board composed of three members from each system. Dirck Clark of Kansas City, formerly chief strategy officer for Mosaic Life Care, has been named president of MPact Health. Clark also serves as board chair of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce.

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About Mercy

Mercy is the fifth largest Catholic health care system in the U.S. and serves millions annually. Mercy includes 35 acute care hospitals, four heart hospitals, two children’s hospitals, three rehab hospitals and one orthopedic hospital, nearly 700 clinic and outpatient facilities, 40,000 co-workers and more than 2,000 Mercy Clinic physicians in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Mercy also has outreach ministries in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. For more information, visit mercy.net.

About Mosaic Life Care

Mosaic Life Care is health care, re-imagined. Formerly Heartland Health, Mosaic Life Care is a recipient of the 2009 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Anchored by the 352-bed Mosaic Life Care at St. Joseph, Medical Center, more than 60 area clinical facilities serve a 23-county area in northwest Missouri, northeast Kansas and southeast Nebraska. Mosaic Life Care's groundbreaking innovation surrounding population health and wellness has led to national recognition for quality of care as well as success as an Accountable Care Organization. For more information about Mosaic Life Care and its services, please visit www.myMosaicLifeCare.org and follow Mosaic Life Care on Facebook at [Facebook.com/MosaicLifeCare](https://www.facebook.com/MosaicLifeCare).

About University of Missouri Health Care

As part of the state's premier academic medical center, University of Missouri Health Care offers a full spectrum of care, ranging from primary care to highly specialized, multidisciplinary treatment for patients with the most severe illnesses and injuries. Patients from each of Missouri's 114 counties are served by approximately 6,000 physicians, nurses and health care professionals at MU Health Care. For more information about MU Health Care and its services, please visit the web site at <http://www.muhealth.org/> and follow MU Health Care on Facebook at [Facebook.com/MUHealthCare](https://www.facebook.com/MUHealthCare).