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## Ascension Holdings Names Chief Incubations Officer

**ST. LOUIS (August 8, 2017)** – Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system, announced that Jason Dinger will join Ascension Holdings as chief incubations officer.

In the role, Dinger will provide leadership to design, guide and operationalize new solutions and transformative innovations across Ascension, with emphasis on those that require incubational and entrepreneurial direction. He will organize a business development and planning model to accelerate new solutions for deployment across Ascension and to commercialize appropriate products and services nationally and internationally.

Ascension Holdings, a direct subsidiary of Ascension, serves as an incubation engine to develop and manage services and solutions that contribute to increasing the performance of Ascension, Catholic healthcare and the broader healthcare industry.

“Jason will enhance our ability to deliver new tools and capabilities that improve the health status of our communities while fundamentally lowering costs,” said James Beckmann, Senior Vice President Ascension and Chief Operating Officer of Ascension Holdings. “Under his guidance, we will be able to more rapidly identify, develop and test innovations and new solutions, then introduce those with the greatest promise to enhance the care we currently provide and create new businesses to support our Mission.”

Earlier this year, Dinger led an Ascension task force focused on population health capabilities and solutions. Previously, he was the chief executive officer of MissionPoint Health Partners, which he led since its founding in 2011. MissionPoint Health Partners, now part of Ascension Care Management, creates customized healthcare solutions for health systems, payers and employers that stabilize costs, improve outcomes, and enhance the experience for both providers and individuals.

Prior to MissionPoint, he was the chief strategy officer for Ascension’s Saint Thomas Health in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dinger has a Ph.D. in leadership, policy and organizations from Vanderbilt University, where he also earned a Bachelor of Arts in public policy.

### **About Ascension**

Ascension ([www.ascension.org](http://www.ascension.org)) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2016, Ascension provided more than \$1.8 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes approximately 150,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers. Ascension’s Healthcare Division operates 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia, while its Solutions Division provides a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital

investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension's own group purchasing organization.

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