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**CHRISTUS Health System Announces Major Leadership Changes
for CHRISTUS Physician Group**

Irving, TX (August 31, 2017) – CHRISTUS Health announced today that Peter J. Plantés, MD, FACP is retiring as the leader of CHRISTUS Physician Group (CPG), a faith-based physician employment and practice management organization. On Nov. 3, 2017, Dr. Plantés will step down as CHRISTUS Health's Senior Vice President of Physician Enterprises and CEO of CHRISTUS Physician Group. He has spent the last five years leading the employed multi-specialty physician network of CHRISTUS Health which spans across 10 markets in 3 states in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

"Peter built a strong foundation for CHRISTUS Health's physician enterprises," explained Paul Generale, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Health Network Officer. "He stabilized and strengthened CPG, putting his almost 30 years of health care experience to work for our ministry. We have been fortunate to have such a strong physician leader among us."

Upon his departure, Jason Markham, 43, will officially take over as Chief Administrative Officer of CHRISTUS Physician Enterprises which includes CHRISTUS Physician Group and CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic. CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic spans across 41 counties in Northeast Texas and is that area's preferred multi-specialty medical group, with more than 500 physicians and advanced practice providers. Last month, Markham was named Chief Administrative Officer of CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic, a role he will continue to hold in addition to his new position.

"Jason has a passion for improving the lives of our patients and continuing to improve and grow upon CHRISTUS Health's successful clinically integrated network made up of hundreds of highly trained medical professionals," said Generale.

Markham received his bachelor's in management from West Texas A&M University and his MBA from Texas Tech University.

****Interviews, photos and complete bios are available upon request**

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About CHRISTUS Health

CHRISTUS Health, an international Catholic, faith-based, not-for-profit health system, is headquartered in the Dallas area and is comprised of almost 600 services and facilities, including more than 60 hospitals and long-term care facilities, 350 clinics and outpatient centers and dozens of other health ministries and ventures. CHRISTUS services can be found in 60 cities in the U.S., Mexico, Chile and Colombia. The system employs approximately 45,000 Associates and has over 15,000 physicians on facility medical staffs who provide care and support for patients.