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Joan Coffman accepts position as President and CEO of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, Ill.

CHIPPEWA FALLS – Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) today announced that Joan Coffman, President and CEO of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, has accepted the appointment to serve as President and CEO of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, Ill., a sister hospital of St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart hospitals. She will begin her new role on September 5.

"During my tenure over the past decade we've exceeded many goals and expectations with the dedication of our colleagues, volunteers and medical staff partners at St. Joseph's," Coffman said. "It's a bittersweet move as I continue the mission of the Hospital Sisters in a new community. I value the collaborations we've made in the Chippewa Valley and will carry that spirit with me."

Throughout Coffman's time with the HSHS Western Wisconsin Division as both COO and CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership working with colleagues to deliver high quality, Franciscan-inspired care.

"I am extremely proud of Joan (Coffman). She is very deserving of this promotion. While I will miss working with her here in Western Wisconsin, I'm excited that she is staying in the HSHS family," said Julie Manas, President and CEO of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital.

Under her direction, St. Joseph's has been recognized as a top performer by such organizations as The Joint Commission, Press Ganey, Leap Frog and Wisconsin Forward. Coffman has supervised more than \$15 million in capital improvements, developed new physician partnerships and engaged with community partners to improve health and wellness. She also actively participates in health care advocacy and received the American Hospital Association's 2017 Grassroots Champion award.

"Joan is a dynamic leader in our organization, and we are excited to bring her leadership to central Illinois," said Mary Starmann-Harrison, President and CEO of HSHS. "She has shown to be a proven leader in the HSHS Western Wisconsin Division with her enthusiasm and dedication to delivering patient-centered care and a true commitment to our HSHS mission."

Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. Coffman worked with Tenet Healthcare Corporation as Assistant Administrator of Lindy Boggs Medical Center in New Orleans until 2005 when it closed due to flood damage sustained in Hurricane Katrina. She joined HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls in 2008, and has been president and CEO since March of 2010. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of New Orleans and is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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About HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital

[HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital](#) is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, the [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis](#) is the Founding Institute, and it is an affiliate of [Hospital Sisters Health System](#). Since 1885, it has served the people of the Chippewa Falls area with health care that is high tech and high touch. Known locally for the quality of the care it provides patients, the hospital has been recognized nationally for its outstanding patient satisfaction levels.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

[Hospital Sisters Health System's](#) (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis](#) is the founding institute.