

SSM Health has signed a definitive agreement with LHC Group to transfer ownership of its Mid-Missouri home care and hospice ministries

Transition will ensure long-term sustainability of vital post-acute care services in Jefferson City, Mexico, and surrounding communities.

ST. LOUIS, MO (May 2, 2019) – St. Louis-based SSM Health has signed an agreement with LHC Group, Inc., to transfer ownership of its home health and hospice ministries in Jefferson City and Mexico, Mo. The transaction is expected to be finalized on June 1, 2019, subject to customary closing conditions.

Once the transition is complete, SSM Health's home health and hospice ministries in Mexico, Mo., and its home health ministry in Jefferson City, Mo. – will operate as Central Missouri Home Health and Central Missouri Hospice, respectively.

LHC Group is a leading provider of in-home healthcare services and recognized industry-wide for quality. It currently partners with 350 hospitals around the country, including Capital Regional Medical Center in Jefferson City, to provide community-based home health and hospice services.

"After much discernment and deliberation, we believe this transition is the best way to ensure the long-term sustainability of high-quality compassionate post-acute services in these communities," said Bob Pritts, President of SSM Health at Home. "LHC Group already provides great care in the Jefferson City community and shares our commitment to providing communities with quality, value-based health care when and where they need it most."

This agreement supports LHC Group's strategy to further expand services and capabilities in the communities it serves.

"We are excited by this new opportunity to expand our footprint and provide an enhanced level of in-home care to patients and families across the Central Missouri region," said Keith Myers, LHC Group chairman and CEO. "LHC Group and our partners are focused on growing our service capabilities at these locations, facilitating efficient coordination of care delivery, and seamlessly transitioning patients from the acute to the post-acute setting."

LHC Group has a long history of successfully partnering with non-profit and faith-based organizations, and will work closely with SSM Health providers in the region to ensure patients continue receiving the best care possible once this transition of ownership is complete.

About SSM Health

[SSM Health](#) is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities across the Midwest through a robust and fully integrated health care delivery system. The organization's nearly 40,000 employees and 11,000 providers are committed to providing exceptional health care services and revealing God's healing presence to everyone they serve.

With care delivery sites in Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, SSM Health includes 23 hospitals, more than 290 physician offices and other outpatient care sites, 10 post-acute facilities, comprehensive home care and hospice services, a pharmacy benefit company, a health insurance company, an accountable care organization, and virtual care. It is one of the largest employers in every community it serves.

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About LHC Group, Inc.

LHC Group, Inc. is a national provider of in-home healthcare services and innovations, providing quality, value-based healthcare to patients primarily within the comfort and privacy of their home or place of residence. LHC Group's services cover a wide range of healthcare needs for patients and families dealing with illness, injury, or chronic conditions. The company's 32,000 employees deliver home health, hospice, home and community based services, and facility-based care in 35 states and the District of Columbia – reaching 60 percent of the U.S. population aged 65 and older. LHC Group is the preferred in-home healthcare partner for 350 leading hospitals around the country.

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