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MemorialCare and the City of Long Beach Enter into Transition Agreement for Community Medical Center Long Beach

(Long Beach, Calif., July 5) – The City of Long Beach and MemorialCare announced that they have finalized the terms and entered into a Transition Agreement, effective July 3, to facilitate the transition of operations of Community Medical Center by the City.

The agreement follows several weeks of communications between MemorialCare and the City, as well as the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), to arrange for the current hospital license to be placed in suspense.

“Putting the hospital license in suspense creates additional flexibility for the City and the new operator following the temporary closure,” says John Keisler, Director, Economic and Property Development, City of Long Beach. “In addition, MemorialCare has pledged to continue to support the City in its efforts to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals to transition operations to a new operator.”

“I extend my appreciation to our City team and MemorialCare for working tirelessly to achieve this transition agreement,” says Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia.

“We are pleased to have assisted the City in its efforts to allow for a transition to the new operator,” says John Bishop, CEO, MemorialCare Community Medical Center, Long Beach Medical Center and Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach. “MemorialCare and our 8,400 employees, staff and affiliated physicians, residents, fellows, nursing students and others associated with our Long Beach hospitals and numerous local outpatient facilities are still here as we have been since 1907 to serve the community of Long Beach. We are proud of our 111 years of partnerships with the City, schools, colleges and universities, local health care organizations and numerous community groups to ensure those who live and work in our community have access to high quality, compassionate health care services.”

“MemorialCare has worked collaboratively with us and provided a path to transition to a new operator,” says Mayor Garcia. “It is now the City’s responsibility to work with our new partner, Molina, Wu, Network, to address the seismic, regulatory, financing and related issues so that we can reopen the hospital.”

About the City of Long Beach

Home to approximately 480,000 people, the multiple award-winning and innovative City of Long Beach offers all the world-class amenities of a large metropolitan city while maintaining a strong sense of individual and diverse neighborhoods nestled together along the California coast. As a full-service charter city, Long Beach is home to the Queen Mary, Aquarium of the Pacific, several museums and theaters, a highly-rated school district, Long Beach Airport, the Port of Long Beach, as well as many award-winning City departments such as Health, Parks, Recreation and Marine, Development Services and more. The City also has a highly-respected university and city college, two historic ranchos, five hospitals, five golf courses, 170 parks, miles of beaches, marinas, bike paths, and a Bike Share program. For more information about the City of Long Beach, visit <http://longbeach.gov/>. Follow us on social to keep up with the latest news: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

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