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The Hospital of Central Connecticut and Hartford Hospital Form New Strategic Affiliation

New Alliance Solidifies Relationship and Bolsters Services to New Britain and Hartford Communities

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NEW BRITAIN/HARTFORD, CT (August 6, 2009) – Two of the state’s most respected and honored healthcare systems, and their flagship hospitals, announced plans to create a new business affiliation to strengthen programs and services to better serve their patients and communities.

The Central Connecticut Health Alliance, parent company of The Hospital of Central Connecticut, will join the Hartford HealthCare Corporation, parent company of Hartford Hospital, in the agreement announced today.

“Today is truly an exciting day and the culmination of a successful 20-year relationship between Hartford Hospital and HCC,” said Laurence A. Tanner, president and CEO of The Hospital of Central Connecticut and Central Connecticut Health Alliance. “By strengthening the longstanding relationship between our hospitals and healthcare systems, we strengthen our ability to provide the people of our state with the highest quality health care close to home, far into the future.”

“We are pleased to solidify and strengthen our existing partnership,” said Elliot Joseph, president and CEO of Hartford Hospital and Hartford HealthCare. “Ultimately, this is

about strengthening The Hospital of Central Connecticut and Hartford Hospital and enhancing our ability to serve our local communities.”

The agreement is the result of nearly two decades of productive and beneficial collaborations between Hartford Hospital and The Hospital of Central Connecticut, who, since the 1990s, have worked together on a number of clinical and educational initiatives, including obstetrics.

Further aligning the hospitals will strengthen their clinical programs, improve quality of care, and allow them to operate with greater financial efficiency and improved access to capital funding---enabling both to grow stronger and provide more robust services to their communities. This includes developing “best practices” to achieve the highest standards of care, and an increased ability to care for medically underserved populations.

The partnership will significantly strengthen the exceptional cancer programs already offered at both hospitals, and increase access to specialized, tertiary care services at Hartford Hospital, such as the Level 1 Trauma Center, Lifestar, and transplant services. In addition to expanding services, the hospitals will seek additional opportunities for collaboration. Hartford Hospital, acclaimed as one of the “Most Wired” hospitals in the country, and The Hospital of Central Connecticut, also recognized for innovative technology, may potentially create a unified electronic medical record system and may operate on the same information technology platform. This type of collaboration is cost efficient and offers other important benefits. It could allow doctors’ offices to communicate directly with each other, resulting in quicker diagnoses, elimination of duplicative testing, and improved accuracy. This could save patients time and money, and may ultimately save lives.

“Providing the highest quality care to all who count on us—in a cost-effective, community-based system—is the goal for modern health care and is the impetus behind this partnership,” Tanner said. “Working together enriches and enhances our ability to do so.”

“This important and beneficial alliance will truly serve the people of Connecticut,” Joseph said. “We look forward to a vibrant and healthy future—for our patients, our communities, and our hospitals.”

The Hospital of Central Connecticut is a 414-bed, 32-bassinet, acute-care, teaching hospital with campuses in New Britain and Southington. It provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in general medicine, surgery and a wide variety of specialties. Other members of the Central Connecticut Health Alliance include Community Mental Health Affiliates, Alliance Occupational Health, Central Connecticut

Senior Health Services, Central Connecticut Physical Medicine and Central Connecticut VNA.

Hartford Hospital is an 867-bed regional referral center and teaching hospital that provides high-quality care in all clinical disciplines. Hartford Hospital is a member of Hartford HealthCare, which includes MidState Medical Center, Windham Hospital, Clinical Laboratory Partners, Eastern Rehabilitation Network, Natchaug Hospital, Rushford and VNA HealthCare.