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HEBREW HEALTH CARE AND HARTFORD HEALTHCARE TO FORM PARTNERSHIP

West Hartford, CT (Jan. 29, 2014) – Hebrew Health Care in West Hartford and Hartford HealthCare have agreed to form a strategic partnership in order to improve access to resources, services and programs throughout both systems. The partnership will be achieved through management consulting and clinical affiliation agreements with Hartford HealthCare. Hebrew Health Care will continue to be governed by an independent Board of Trustees and its own management team. A definitive agreement is in development.

Bonnie Gauthier, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hebrew Health Care said that partnership with a strong health care partner was a central element of the organization's strategic plan. "Hebrew Health Care's focus has been on serving older adults for all of its 113-year history. We are looking forward to forging a bright future for our organization and all those we serve through this affiliation," she said.

"Hartford HealthCare's organizational management expertise, together with Hebrew Health Care's recognized geriatric experience and skill, will allow us to deepen our shared commitment to the seniors we serve across the region," said Elliot Joseph, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hartford HealthCare. "Together, our organizations bring to the partnership a track record of award-winning senior care and management expertise."

Through the partnership, Hebrew Health Care will be able to participate in value-based arrangements that will benefit both organizations and the patients they serve. Hebrew Health Care will be able to assure high quality services in the most cost-effective way, and Hartford HealthCare will enhance its reputation for seamless access to a broader continuum of care.

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Hebrew Health Care is a non-profit, non-sectarian health care provider featuring a full spectrum of integrated and seamless in-patient; out-patient and community based geriatric services to meet the needs of older adults in the Greater Hartford community. Hebrew Health Care is committed to providing comprehensive care of the elderly. Not simply saying it, not simply building it, HHC does it – every day, every week, every year, for over 100 years. Hebrew Health Care's commitment to the elderly in the Greater Hartford area is unparalleled and is the foundation on which our reputation for excellence is based. Hebrew Health Care is comprised of nine service affiliates that include The Hospital at Hebrew Health Care, Hoffman SummerWood Community, Hebrew Health Visiting Nurses and Hospice, Hebrew Health Assisted Living Services, Hebrew Health Adult Day Services, Hebrew Rehabilitation Group, Connecticut Geriatric Specialty Group and the Gene and Anja Rosenberg Hebrew Home and Rehabilitation Center.

Hartford HealthCare is Connecticut's most comprehensive health care system. The system includes five acute-care hospitals (Backus Hospital, Hartford Hospital, MidState Medical Center, The Hospital of Central Connecticut and Windham Hospital), behavioral health (the Institute of Living, Rushford and Natchaug Hospital) and rehabilitation services (Hartford HealthCare Rehabilitation Network), a large physician group (Hartford HealthCare Medical Group) and clinical integration organization (Integrated Care Partners), research and educational facilities, visiting-nurse services (VNA HealthCare, VNA East and Backus Home Health Care), a laboratory system that spans the state (Clinical Laboratory Partners), and a number of services for seniors, including senior-living facilities. Hartford HealthCare is the charter member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance.