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**Agreement Paves the Way for Saint Mary's Health System
to Join New Trinity Health Region Serving New England**

Waterbury, Conn., Hartford, Conn, Livonia, Mich., Sept. 18, 2015 — Saint Mary's Health System in Waterbury, Conn., signed an agreement with Trinity Health and Saint Francis Care that will further expand people-centered care in New England. The definitive agreement outlines how Saint Mary's' membership in the new Trinity Health region, which includes the Sisters of Providence Health System, in Springfield, Mass., will help provide better health, better care and lower costs for the communities it serves.

"Today we committed to combining strengths to deliver high-quality, value-based accountable care," said Chad W. Wable, who will continue in his current role as president and CEO, Saint Mary's Health System and hold a meaningful regional role, as well. "Together we will be able to improve patient safety, patient satisfaction and population health in all of our communities."

The agreement with Saint Mary's was signed just before Saint Francis Care officially joins with Trinity Health, a decision announced in December 2014 and expected to be finalized in October.

"The addition of the Saint Mary's Health System to our emerging regional partnership is an exciting development that promises to dramatically expand the delivery of progressive health care in New England," said Christopher M. Dadlez, current president and CEO, Saint Francis Care, and announced to be the future president and CEO of Trinity Health's New England region. "The care we provide will be people-centered and mission-focused, and our partnership will bring us not only a shared vision but resources to strengthen us in the future."

Following the completion of all necessary regulatory approvals, Trinity Health, Saint Mary's, Saint Francis Care and Sisters of Providence Health System will build a clinically integrated health care delivery system of high-quality providers with the goal of delivering an unequaled combination of health care quality and value to residents across Connecticut and western Massachusetts.

"As we continue building our people-centered health system, we consider aligning with quality organizations among our highest imperatives," said Scott Nordlund, executive vice president, Growth, Strategy and Innovation, Trinity Health. "With these partners, their capabilities and geographies, this will be a very strong region with the potential to make a significant impact on health and wellness in New England."

The New England region and its members will benefit from Trinity Health services that provide operational expertise, as well as existing programs related to clinical excellence, population health, retail health care, and information technology. Trinity Health benefits as well, with the opportunity to continue expanding its presence in New England through both strategic and organic growth opportunities.

"With its clinically integrated and strong ambulatory service facility network, Saint Mary's is perfectly suited to helping us reach our goals," said O'Connell, executive vice president, East Group, Trinity Health. "I look forward to welcoming its colleagues and to seeing our new region in New England achieve all of its potential."

Among the approvals needed for Saint Mary's to join Trinity Health and Saint Francis *Care* are customary regulatory approvals from state and federal agencies and those granted by the Archdiocese of Hartford as well as any other approvals required by Canon Law.

About Trinity Health

Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. It serves people and communities in 21 states with 86 hospitals, 126 continuing care programs — including PACE, senior living facilities and home care and hospice services that provide nearly 2.5 million visits annually. With annual operating revenues of about \$14.3 billion and assets of about \$20.4 billion, the organization returns almost \$900 million to its communities annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs. Trinity Health employs about 95,000 people, including 3,600 employed physicians. Committed to those who are poor and underserved in its communities, Trinity Health is known for its focus on the country's aging population. As a single, unified ministry, the organization is the innovator of Senior Emergency Departments, the largest not-for-profit provider of home health care services — ranked by number of visits — in the nation, as well as the nation's leading provider of PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) based on the number of available programs. For more information, visit www.trinity-health.org. You can also follow @TrinityHealthMI on Twitter.

About Saint Mary's Health System

Saint Mary's Health System is a leading regional healthcare provider anchored by Saint Mary's Hospital, a Catholic, not for profit, acute care, community teaching hospital that has served Greater Waterbury for more than 100 years. Licensed for 347 beds, Saint Mary's is designated as a Level II Trauma Center, offers award-winning cardiac and stroke care and houses the region's only pediatric emergency care unit. As the leading provider of surgical services in Greater Waterbury, Saint Mary's was the first to introduce the daVinci® Robotic Surgery System. The health system's satellites and affiliates extend from Waterbury to Wolcott, Naugatuck, Southbury, Prospect and Watertown. Visit www.stmh.org for more information or follow us on Facebook at SaintMarysHospitalCT or Twitter at @SaintMarysCT.

About Saint Francis Care

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include the Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale New Haven at Saint Francis, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis HealthCare Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital and Home and Community

Health Services, is also a Saint Francis *Care* Partner. Saint Francis *Care's* services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.org.

About Sisters of Providence Health System

The Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS) has established itself as one of the leading providers of health care services in Western Massachusetts. SPHS includes Mercy Medical Center, a 182-bed acute care hospital in Springfield; Providence Behavioral Health Hospital, located in Holyoke and licensed for 126 beds; Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital, a comprehensive hospital-based rehabilitation center on the campus of Mercy Medical Center; Brightside for Families and Children, an outpatient service offering counseling and family support programs; two outpatient substance abuse treatment centers; and Mercy Continuing Care Network that includes skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities, an adult day health program, Mercy Homecare, Mercy Hospice and Mercy LIFE, a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly; Mercy Care Alliance and Accountable Care Organization of New England. More information about SPHS is available at www.mercycares.com.

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