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PARKWAY MEDICAL CENTER TO UNDERGO OWNERSHIP CHANGE

DECATUR, AL (November 28, 2007) – Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHS), the parent company of Parkway Medical Center, announced yesterday a definitive agreement has been signed providing for the sale of the hospital and eight others to Capella Healthcare, Inc. The transaction is expected to be complete early in the first quarter of 2008.

Founded in 2005 by seasoned healthcare veterans, Capella Healthcare currently owns five hospitals located in mid-size communities across the country. Led by a senior management team with more than 200 years of combined healthcare experience, the company is backed by the financial strength of GTCR Golder Rauner and has already established a track record for investing in its facilities.

“Our employees, medical staff and board members are very proud of our organization,” said Parkway Medical Center CEO Tom R. McDougal, Jr. “We appreciate the support and leadership CHS has provided to our hospital and are pleased that Capella Healthcare clearly recognizes our achievements as well as our opportunities for continued success in the future. We look forward to learning more about their company and their plans for our community.”

At the time of the transaction closing, Capella Healthcare will retain all employees at their current rate of pay, honoring employees’ seniority and offering similar benefits. Capella representatives plan to meet with employees in one-on-one meetings as the transaction is finalized to discuss benefit options and begin the enrollment process.

The company has also indicated the hospital will continue participation in current insurance plans and managed care contracts. The name of the hospital is not expected to change.

“Healthcare is an ever-changing industry. Parkway Medical Center has been a part of the Decatur community for over 30 years and we remain committed to providing the same quality healthcare that our patients and community have come to expect. Obviously, our system affiliation will change but we do not expect our operations or strategies to change. I could not be more proud of our team of employees, managers, physicians and board members.” said McDougal.

Parkway Medical Center (PMC), a 108-bed, full service facility, is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JACHO). PMC has an active medical staff of 87 with over 70 courtesy and consulting staff representing 25 plus specialties. The facility offers a full range of services including 24-hour emergency care, the first accredited chest pain center in Alabama, the first 64-slice CT in Morgan County, intensive care, medical/surgical care, surgery ranging from general minimally invasive to orthopaedic, gynecological, urologic and bariatric. Other services include: diagnostic imaging, mammography, bone densitometry, obstetrics unit with birthing rooms, pediatrics, respiratory and comprehensive lab services. PMC has developed six centers to provide services to the community and include: The Center for Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine, The Surgical Weight Loss Center, Pavilion Plastic Surgery, The Sleep Disorders Center, and The Pavilion for Women and Children. PMC is focused on providing quality care and excellent customer service to the patients we serve.

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