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## **FHN AND PHYSICIANS IMMEDIATE CARE FORM JOINT VENTURE TO OPEN CLINIC IN FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

*Parties will jointly operate an urgent care and occupational medicine facility*

(FREEPORT, IL) - In a move designed to increase access and help patients better manage their healthcare, FHN and Physicians Immediate Care have announced the formation of a new joint venture that will operate an urgent care and occupational medicine facility in Freeport, Illinois.

The move supports both organizations' efforts to most effectively manage the care of the patients they serve. The joint venture achieves this by creating more access points for patients, providing needed care in a lower cost setting than an emergency department, and improving care coordination among providers.

Construction will begin shortly on the new state-of-the-art clinic which will be located at 1009 Fairway Drive, Freeport, Illinois. The Freeport clinic will be open seven days a week with patient-friendly hours. This location will be fully equipped with digital X-ray capability, lab testing and 6 exam rooms – including a trauma room for treating non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses. It is scheduled to open in spring 2018.

The clinic will also offer occupational medicine services to employers for treatment of work-related injuries, drug and alcohol testing and a variety of work-related physical examinations.

"We're excited to partner with Physicians Immediate Care, expanding the healthcare options available to the Freeport community," said Mark Gridley, FHN President and CEO. "We're committed to providing healthcare excellence to our friends, families, and neighbors, and having a facility like this helps us fulfill that vision"

“Coordinating care between the family physician, the hospital, and our clinic creates a more efficient and affordable experience for our patients,” added Stan Blaylock, CEO of Physicians Immediate Care.

Under the agreement, Physicians Immediate Care will be contracted to handle day-to-day management of the jointly-operated clinics.

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### **About FHN**

*FHN, a not-for-profit organization with nearly 1,400 employees, is an award-winning regional healthcare system committed to the health and well-being of the people of northwest Illinois and southern Wisconsin. FHN Memorial Hospital has been recognized as one of the state’s top hospitals for safety by the Leapfrog group and Healthgrades as well as by the world’s largest, completely independent, non-profit product- and service-testing organization. FHN caregivers serve an average of 1,500 people each day across FHN’s 22 locations in 5 counties spanning northwest Illinois. Organized in 1995 as an integrated healthcare delivery system, FHN is comprised of FHN Memorial Hospital, the Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center, 13 family healthcare centers offering primary and specialty medical care, hospice, occupational and chiropractic health services, dental care and outpatient mental health services. For more information about FHN, please visit [www.fhn.org](http://www.fhn.org).*

### **About Physicians Immediate Care**

*Physicians Immediate Care is a Midwest leader in urgent care and occupational health. For more than 25 years, it has provided affordable, convenient medical care to more than one million patients. The company is dedicated to building healthy communities by providing remarkable care you can count on, when and where you need it. It has a network of more than 40 clinics, each fully equipped to provide X-rays, lab testing, medical exams, minor procedures and treatments for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries. For locations and services, go to [visitphysicians.com](http://visitphysicians.com).*