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Springfield Names Nationally Recognized Health Care System to Serve Patients in the Region

SPRINGFIELD (December 12, 2019) — The City of Springfield announced today that Allina Health has been selected as its new health care provider to continue serving patients in the region with comprehensive services that are fully integrated with a nationally recognized health care system.

"As city leaders, it was our obligation to identify a long-term partner that we know will provide high-quality care for the people of Springfield well into the future, and we are pleased we didn't need to look very far," said Joe Stremcha, City Manager. "Allina Health and New Ulm Medical Center have been integral to health care in our area for decades, and we believe the decision to partner with Allina Health will help our residents to receive comprehensive services that are connected to New Ulm Medical Center."

Under the agreement, Allina Health will assume operations of the Mayo Clinic Health System located at 625 N. Jackson Ave. when they vacate the site in March. Services provided will include primary care, specialty care consultations, telehealth/virtual visits, medical imaging, lab, and rehabilitation services. Allina Health will also expand its partnership with St John's Lutheran Home to provide care for residents, and will engage the community to explore new partnerships for health improvement and Emergency Medical Services support.

"Allina Health is excited and honored to be joining the Springfield community," said Toby Freier, president, New Ulm Medical Center, Allina Health. "Many Springfield residents have received care and service from New Ulm Medical Center, Minneapolis Heart Institute and Allina Health for years, so this opportunity is a comfortable fit for all of us."

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New Ulm Medical Center is a nationally recognized community hospital. It was named one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health for the eighth time in nine years. The Minnesota Hospital Association has also named New Ulm Medical Center a "Best Minnesota Hospital Workplace."

The Allina Health clinic in Springfield plans to be fully operational in spring 2020.

About Allina Health

Allina Health is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of illness and enhancing the greater health of individuals, families and communities throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin. A not-for-profit health care system, Allina Health cares for patients from beginning to end-of-life through its 90+ clinics, 11 hospitals, 15 retail pharmacies, specialty care centers and specialty medical services that provide home care, senior transitions, hospice care, home oxygen and medical equipment, and emergency medical transportation services. Learn more at allinahealth.org and join us on Facebook and Twitter.

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