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## **Catholic Health to Acquire Majority Ownership of Ambulatory Surgery Center of Western New York**

Catholic Health has entered into an agreement with Ambulatory Surgery Center of Western New York (ASC of WNY) to acquire a controlling stake in the multi-specialty surgery center located in Amherst. The largest ambulatory surgery center by volume in the region, ASC of WNY performs over 27,000 procedures annually and has been dedicated to quality and patient safety since its inception more than 20 years ago.

The Center and its highly skilled physicians and staff treat patients ranging from infants to adults, performing same-day surgery procedures that generally do not require an overnight stay. Both Catholic Health and ASC of WNY see the partnership as an opportunity to strengthen their shared commitment to offer convenient, high quality care to residents throughout the local community.

“We remain committed to leading the transformation of healthcare in our region and what better way to continue on that path than to partner with the visionary physicians and dedicated staff at ASC of WNY,” said Catholic Health President & CEO Mark A. Sullivan. “Patients in the Northtowns have entrusted their care to ASC of WNY and have also asked us to increase our outpatient presence in the community, while providing better access to Catholic Health’s array of services. As healthcare service locations and patient demand rebalances, so too must health systems. Having an ambulatory surgery presence in Amherst will help us better serve our patients with greater convenience and accessibility.”

ASC of WNY opened in 1999, primarily focused on ophthalmology procedures, which then quickly expanded to include orthopedic; cosmetic and plastic; podiatry; pain management; and ear, nose and throat same-day surgical services. The center, located at 945 Sweet Home Road in Amherst, includes six operating rooms, three procedure rooms, and a post-surgery recovery room. ASC of WNY is licensed by the New York State Department of Health, certified by Medicare, and accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

“The ASC of WNY looks forward to continuing to offer quality care in a non-traditional hospital setting to both adult and pediatric patients in the community.” said David P. Rigan, MD, Physician Representative of the ASC of WNY. “The affiliation between Catholic Health and the ASC of WNY gives the facility and its physician affiliates an opportunity to extend outreach within the community and support our continued commitment to provide safe, affordable and quality surgical care. As the demand for an alternative to traditional hospital care grows, the ASC looks forward to this affiliation to remain top of class in technology and cutting edge procedures and look forward to our future growth together.”

JoAnn Vecchio, Administrator at ASC of WNY commented, “Through continued specialized patient-focused operations and high level clinical care, the ASC of WNY looks forward to being able to expand quality surgical services to all Catholic Health affiliates. We look forward to the affiliation operationally to help Catholic Health offer outpatient services in the Northtowns while still supporting operations in the Southtowns and beyond.”

“Healthcare services today, enabled by innovation and advancements in medical technology, are increasingly being provided safely, comfortably, and cost-effectively in outpatient settings,” Sullivan added. “We are grateful for this partnership and committed to growing programs and services to meet our patients’ needs now and well into the future.”

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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### **About Catholic Health**

From delivering thousands of babies each year; to offering the area’s widest network of comprehensive cardiac, stroke, vascular, orthopedic and women’s services; to providing a broad range of home care, skilled nursing and other post-acute services, Catholic Health cares for hundreds of thousands of Western New Yorkers at dozens of locations in the Buffalo-Niagara region. As the area’s quality, safety and patient satisfaction leader, its network includes Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Mount St. Mary’s Hospital, Sisters of Charity Hospital and its St. Joseph Campus; and a wide range of Home & Community Based Care services. Trinity Medical WNY, a multi-specialty practice with locations throughout the region; and Catholic Medical Partners, the area’s largest independent Practice Association, make up its physician enterprise of over 1,500 providers. With its nearly 10,000 associates, Catholic Health is part of a healing ministry dating back more than 170 years and today is continuing to transform care across the region.

### **About Ambulatory Surgery Center of Western New York**

Founded in 1999, the ASC of WNY began offering Cataract Surgery out of two operating rooms in the Northtowns. The facility quickly grew to expand space and provide surgical services to additional specialties. The ASC of WNY currently stands in a 30,000 sq ft building in Amherst with room to grow as needed. With over 60 credentialed providers, the ASC of WNY treats patients from all counties throughout the State of NY, including bordering states and Canada. Offering outstanding surgical care and State of the Art technological offerings, the ASC of WNY continues to stay focused on Quality Care while offering a safe environment for both simple and complex procedures. The ASC of WNY accepts all forms of Health Insurance coverage including Worker’s Comp and NYS No Fault. The ASC of WNY also offers affordable surgical care to those without insurance. The ASC of WNY continues to support the community through charitable work and many of its surgeon affiliates offer charity care and participate with many local and national specialty organizations to help continue the ongoing advancement of surgical services. The ASC of WNY is one of the largest Ambulatory Surgery Centers in the State of New York and continues to expand outreach to the local community and beyond.