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## **Catholic Health, Catholic Medical Partners, Independent Health Reach New Two-Year Agreement**

*Long-term deal ensures IHA members continue to have  
access to Catholic Health services and facilities*

Catholic Health and Catholic Medical Partners have reached a new agreement with Independent Health continuing the long-term relationship between the three organizations. The two-year agreement ensures that Independent Health members will continue to have access to Catholic Health hospitals and its comprehensive network of services, as well as the 900 physicians affiliated with Catholic Medical Partners through 2024.

“As the quality, patient safety, and patient experience leader in Western New York, we are pleased to come to an agreement that works for Catholic Health, Independent Health, and most importantly, the thousands of members we both serve,” said health system President & CEO Mark Sullivan. “We’d like to thank Independent Health for recognizing the important role we have in improving the health of our community, the hard work of our caregivers, and the quality and value we bring to healthcare throughout Western New York.”

As one of the largest health systems in Western New York, Catholic Health serves thousands of patients across its network of hospitals, subacute care facilities, primary care centers, home care agencies, and diagnostic & treatment centers. Its hospital network includes Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Mount St. Mary’s Hospital, and Sisters of Charity Hospital and its St. Joseph Campus

“Independent Health takes pride in developing collaborative relationships with our local provider partners to meet the healthcare needs of Western New York,” said Michael W. Cropp, M.D., President & CEO of Independent Health. “As the only truly, local health plan, we understand the needs and opportunities facing our region, and we recognize the importance of maintaining strong relationships with local health systems and practices to serve our members and our community.”



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Along with the independent physician practices in Catholic Medical Partners, Catholic Health integrates the most advanced clinical and information technology with a tradition of medical excellence and compassionate care to carry out our mission to care for all. As the recipient of numerous local, regional and national awards for quality, safety, and efficiency, Catholic Health and Catholic Medical Partners continue to lead the transformation of healthcare in Western New York.

“Catholic Medical Partners is excited to continue our collaboration with Independent Health to improve the health and wellness of our community,” said Margaret Paroski, MD, MMM, President & CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Catholic Medical Partners. “We are pleased Independent Health values our physicians’ hard work in addressing preventative care, chronic disease management, and social determinants of health.”

As the region’s local health plan for over 40 years, Independent Health has remained dedicated to improving the health and well-being for all of Western New York. Today, Independent Health serves nearly 340,000 members and is recognized nationally for its award-winning customer service, dedication to quality health care and unmatched relationships with physicians and providers.

“During negotiations with Catholic Health and all our other provider partners, we work hard to find areas of common ground, and we focus on our collective commitments to improving community health and providing access to high-quality care and affordable health coverage,” Dr. Cropp added. “It is our firm belief that when we share common goals that center on our community’s needs, we can more effectively navigate the complexity of negotiating contracts and balancing the financial position of our provider partners with our fiduciary responsibility to the members and employers we serve.”

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