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Community Clinic Moves Forward with Baptist Health-River Valley Primary Care Acquisition

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Baptist Health and Community Clinic announced today that Community Clinic will now begin transitioning the primary care clinics in Fort Smith, Alma, Greenwood and Van Buren to Community Clinic. The transition of care is scheduled around January 1, 2027. Until then, the clinics will continue operating as Baptist Health locations, and patients may continue contacting their clinics, attending scheduled appointments and receiving care from their current care teams as usual.

"We are honored to build on the strong foundation established by Baptist Health and these trusted clinic teams" said Judd Semingson, President and CEO of Community Clinic. Throughout the transition, we will remain focused on supporting continuity of care and earning the trust of the patients and communities we will serve."

"This transition reflects our shared commitment to ensuring River Valley patients continue receiving high-quality primary care close to home," said Brandi Stewart, President – Baptist Health Western Region. "We are grateful to the physicians, providers and staff who have served these communities with compassion and excellence, and we are working closely with Community Clinic to support patients and employees throughout the transition."

Patients do not need to take any action at this time. Baptist Health and Community Clinic will communicate directly with patients before the transition and provide advance notice of any updates involving clinic names, contact information, scheduling systems, patient portals or other aspects of their care.

About Community Clinic

Community Clinic is a regional community health system built on more than 35 years of trust and designed for the generations ahead. Community Clinic serves more than 75,000 patients at more than 30 locations across Arkansas and northeast Oklahoma. The organization provides comprehensive, affordable, whole-person care that includes primary care, pediatrics, women's health, family dental care, and specialty services such as rheumatology, sports medicine and rehabilitation. Its care model is strengthened by integrated behavioral health, case management, and additional support services that address the broader needs of patients and families. For more information, visit communityclinic.net.

About Baptist Health

For more than a century, Baptist Health has delivered health care through Christian compassion and innovative services. Baptist Health is Arkansas' most comprehensive health care organization, with more than 250 points of access that include hospitals, urgent care centers, primary and specialty care clinics, a senior living community, a college offering nursing and allied health programs, and a graduate residency program. For more information, visit Baptist-Health.com.

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