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Community Clinic announces letter of intent to acquire primary care clinics in the River Valley

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FORT SMITH, Ark. (June 30, 2026) — Springdale-based Community Clinic announced today it has signed a letter of intent to acquire Baptist Health primary care clinics in the River Valley. If approved, the proposed acquisition would establish Community Clinic's first presence in the River Valley and expand access to its whole-person care model. The proposed transaction remains subject to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) review, regulatory approval and execution of a definitive agreement.

The clinics based in these communities are being considered for this acquisition:

- Baptist Health Family Clinic - Alma
- Baptist Health Family Clinic - Greenwood
- Baptist Health Family Clinic - Fort Smith (multiple locations)
- Baptist Health Family Clinic - Van Buren

For 35 years, Community Clinic has provided comprehensive primary care to Northwest Arkansas through a whole-person care model that integrates behavioral health, dental, pharmacy and specialty services. Today, the non-profit serves more than 75,000 patients across more than 30 locations in Arkansas and northeast Oklahoma.

"For us, this is about more than expanding our footprint. We believe every community deserves access to great primary care," said Judd Semington, president and chief executive officer of Community Clinic. "You don't become part of a community by putting your name on a building. You become part of a community by listening first, showing up consistently and earning trust over time. That's the commitment we're making to the River Valley."

If approved, the proposed expansion would reflect Community Clinic's belief that strong communities begin with strong primary care and long-term relationships with patients.

"This proposed acquisition represents an important opportunity to build on the strong foundation of care our patients and providers have established throughout the River Valley," said Brandi Stewart, Interim President/Chief Nursing Officer Baptist Health Western Region. "Community Clinic's commitment to whole-person care and its deep connection to the communities it serves make it a natural fit to carry that legacy forward. Together, we are working toward a seamless transition that ensures patients continue to receive the trusted, compassionate primary care they know close to home while advancing our shared commitment to improving the health and well-being of the communities we serve."

Community Clinic intends to meet with all current providers and staff to discuss opportunities as part of the transition, recognizing the trusted relationships they have built with patients. The organization is committed to maintaining continuity of care throughout the transition while expanding access to comprehensive primary care for the communities in the River Valley.

Patients will continue receiving care at their current locations throughout the regulatory review process, which is expected to take months. Additional information regarding the proposed transition will be shared as it becomes available.

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About Community Clinic

Community Clinic is a regional community health system—built on 35 years of trust and designed for the generations ahead. Today, Community Clinic serves more than 75,000 patients across 30+ locations throughout Arkansas and northeast Oklahoma. We provide comprehensive, affordable, whole-person care that includes primary care, pediatrics, women's health, family dental, and specialty services such as sports medicine and rehabilitation. Our care model is further strengthened by integrated behavioral health, case management, and additional support services that address the full needs of every patient. We exist to make high-quality healthcare accessible for every person in our communities—because when care is within reach, families thrive and communities grow stronger. The healthiest communities aren't built in a single clinic visit; they're built over time, together. For more information, visit communityclinic.net or call 855-438-2280.

About Baptist Health

For more than a century, Baptist Health has delivered all our best in health care through Christian compassion and innovative services. Baptist Health, Arkansas' most comprehensive health care organization, is here For You. For Life. – with more than 250 points of access that include 12 hospitals; urgent care centers; a senior living community; over 100 primary and specialty care clinics; a college with studies in nursing and allied health; and a graduate residency program. It is also the largest private not-for-profit health care organization based in Arkansas, providing care through the support of approximately 11,000 employees, groundbreaking treatments, renowned physicians and community outreach programs. For more information about Baptist Health, visit Baptist-Health.com, call Baptist Health HealthLine at 1-888-BAPTIST or download the [myBaptistHealth app](#).

Note to Editors

This announcement pertains to a Letter of Intent only. The proposed acquisition is subject to HRSA review, regulatory approval, and execution of a definitive agreement. No final transaction has been completed at this time.

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