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PHYSICIAN STAFFING CHANGE FOR CIH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Marshalltown, Iowa Central Iowa Healthcare (CIH) and McFarland Clinic announced today a change in the physician staffing in the Emergency Department (ED).

“CIH has a contract with McFarland to supply ED physician staffing,” said Dawnett Willis, COO/Acting CEO of Central Iowa Healthcare. “McFarland provides the physicians to staff the ED and the hospital bills and collects for their professional services. Unfortunately, CIH has been significantly behind on payment for physician services for more than 12 months due to its revenue cycle breakdown following an EHR conversion.”

“We have been working together over this past year to find a solution for this issue,” said Andrew Perry, Chief Executive Officer of McFarland Clinic. “Unfortunately, we have recently received the resignation of two emergency room physicians, Dr. Lance Van Gundy and Dr. Leah Bethel.”

Both CIH and McFarland Clinic physicians and staff are saddened about this announcement of the physician departures. With these resignation announcements and the unmet contractual agreement, McFarland and CIH have agreed that the contract for ED physician services with McFarland Clinic will conclude October 31.

“Emergency Department care including the ambulance services at Central Iowa Healthcare will continue,” said Willis. “CIH will be securing and maintaining quality replacement physician staffing to continue to provide emergency services. McFarland will be assisting CIH in this transition.”

“CIH and McFarland Clinic have collaborated for many years to provide excellent healthcare to the community and we are committed to continuing this working relationship,” said Willis.

“McFarland Clinic physicians will continue to work with CIH and provide care to patients at the hospital including surgical, inpatient, and outpatient services,” said Perry.

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About CIH:

Central Iowa Healthcare (CIH) is a not-for-profit community healthcare provider in Marshall County, Iowa. CIH operates a 49-bed, acute care hospital, four primary care medical clinics located in Marshalltown, Conrad, State Center and Tama-Toledo, and a state-of-the-art outpatient center. The outpatient center includes an award winning wound healing center, as well as four surgical suites, diagnostic imaging lab, urgent care, and therapy services. Central Iowa Healthcare is the only full-service medical center in its

area and more than 60,000 residents depend on CIH for a wide variety of healthcare services. For more information, visit our website at www.centraliowahealthcare.com.

About McFarland Clinic

McFarland Clinic is central Iowa's largest physician-owned multi-specialty clinic. The McFarland Clinic network of health care providers serves residents in 12 Iowa communities with additional communities served by physician outreach clinics. For more information, visit our website at www.mcfarlandclinic.com.