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Children's National and The HSC Health Care System Sign Letter of Intent to Partner

WASHINGTON – (October 25, 2018) – Today, Children's National Health System (Children's National) signed a Letter of Intent with The HSC Health Care System (HSC) to pursue a partnership creating more integrated care delivery for children and young adults with complex needs in DC and across the Mid-Atlantic region.

With a combined 283 years of pediatric experience, Children's National and HSC each have significant expertise delivering health care for children and young adults, particularly those with complex needs and rare health conditions. The Letter of Intent is an outgrowth of discussions between the two organizations over the past several months and enables the organizations to begin more formal due diligence discussions and operational planning.

The aim of the partnership is to deliver seamless care coordination that improves quality, access, patient satisfaction and overall community health and wellness.

"We are excited to pursue an even closer relationship with HSC. As we've continued to make innovative advances in improving the outcomes and quality of life for children in our community with complex medical needs, there's an increasing benefit to highly integrated care," says Kurt Newman, MD, President and CEO of Children's National Health System. "Bringing our respective strengths together could help us do that more seamlessly."

"The patients and families we serve are required to navigate a complex system with a multitude of specialists and services required for their care. Together, we know we can make it easier for children and young adults with complex needs to access care. Ultimately, this partnership will improve the quality of life for our patients and their families," says Nathaniel Beers, MD, President and CEO of The HSC Health Care System.

The two organizations are working toward a final agreement in 2019.

About Children's National Health System

Children's National Health System, based in Washington, DC, has served the nation's children since 1870. Children's National is one of the nation's Top 5 pediatric hospitals and, for a second straight year, is ranked No. 1 in [newborn care](#), as well as ranked in all specialties evaluated by U.S. News & World Report. It has been designated two times as a Magnet[®] hospital, a designation given to hospitals that demonstrate the highest standards of nursing and patient care delivery. This pediatric academic health system offers expert care through a convenient, community-based primary care network and specialty outpatient centers in the D.C. Metropolitan area, including the Maryland suburbs and Northern Virginia. Home to the [Children's Research Institute](#) and the [Sheikh Zayed](#)

[Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation](#), Children's National is the seventh-highest NIH-funded pediatric institution in the nation. Children's National is recognized for its expertise and innovation in pediatric care and as a strong voice for children through advocacy at the local, regional and national levels.

About The HSC Health Care System

The HSC Health Care System is a 135-year-old non-profit health care organization committed to serving individuals with complex health care needs and eliminating barriers to services. HSC is a unique and comprehensive system of care in the Washington, DC area with a mission to changing lives through expert, family-centered medical care, care coordination, and empowerment through advocacy and education. The HSC Health Care System through The HSC Foundation, operates The HSC Pediatric Center, an inpatient sub-acute facility, three HSC Outpatient Centers in Washington, DC and Maryland, HSC Home Care, LLC in Washington, D.C. and HSC Home & Residential Services in Maryland, and Health Services for Children with Special Needs, a comprehensive health and supportive services care plan for Supplemental Security Income-eligible children and young adults up to 26 years of age within Washington, D.C. To learn more about The HSC Health Care System, please visit www.hschealth.org.