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THE CHARTER OAK HEALTH CENTER AT CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER WILL NOW BE RUN & OPERATED BY CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S

HARTFORD, Conn. - Connecticut Children's Medical Center and Charter Oak Health Center jointly announce that their pediatric primary care center, Charter Oak Health Center at Connecticut Children's, will now be solely operated at Connecticut Children's by the Connecticut Children's Specialty Group. This transition will take place with no interruption of care to patients.

Patients and families will have the option to continue to use the medical care providers at Connecticut Children's or seek care at Charter Oak Health Center at 21 Grand Street. In addition, current patients will be given a list of providers from whom they can choose to receive primary care services going forward. Both parties will work together to make this transition as seamless as possible for patients and families.

"This change in operations will benefit many children and families in our community," said Martin J. Gavin, President and CEO of Connecticut Children's Medical Center. "In addition to better meeting the primary care needs of local children, we will now be able to offer greater access to our many health and wellness programs designed specifically for them."

David M. Semple, President and CEO of Charter Oak Health Center, added, "I know that we will continue to enjoy a great working relationship with Connecticut Children's so that we can provide the best healthcare to the children of this city."

Connecticut Children's has also announced that it will be moving its primary care services to a brand new, state-of-the-art location at **76 New Britain Avenue in Hartford** beginning in April. Connecticut Children's is in the process of ensuring that all providers and patients are notified through various means of communication.

Connecticut Children's new primary care center will accommodate up to 36,000 patient visits per year, 12,000 more than its previous location. Expanded access to care will also be enhanced by the location's more central location and immediate proximity to bus lines. In addition, free on-site parking and on-site laboratory facilities will be available to make visiting Connecticut Children's easier for patients and families.

Patients, family members or guardians with questions can call Connecticut Children's at **(860) 545-9300** or Charter Oak Health Center at **(860) 550-7500**.

About Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a nationally recognized, 187-bed not-for-profit children's hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Named among the best in the nation for several of its pediatric specialties in the annual U.S. News & World Report "Best Children's Hospitals" rankings, Connecticut Children's is the only free-standing children's hospital in Connecticut that offers comprehensive, world-class health care to children. Our pediatric services are available at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford and at Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, with neonatal intensive care units at Hartford Hospital and the University of Connecticut Health Center, along with a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery center, five specialty care centers and 10 other locations across the state. Connecticut Children's has a medical staff of nearly 1,100 practicing in more than 30 specialties.

For more information, visit www.connecticutchildrens.org or connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/connecticutchildrens and Twitter at www.twitter.com/ctchildrens.

About Charter Oak Health Center

Charter Oak Health Center is a federally qualified, freestanding, Joint Commission-accredited, nonprofit community health center that has continuously provided community-based ambulatory primary health care in Hartford since 1978. COHC is the only community health center located in southern Hartford and provides an integrated model of primary care through three major patient care departments: Medical, Dental, and Behavioral Health. Its Pediatrics Department takes care of newborns, children and adolescents in an atmosphere that is age-appropriate at every stage of their development. Among the services provided are: Newborn – 1st year Exams; School Physicals; Immunizations and Flu Shots; Initial Allergy Evaluations; Asthma Management; Learning Disabilities; Obesity Counseling; Nutrition Counseling; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Assistance; and Pre-op Evaluations.

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