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**Physician's Hospitals of America (PHA) Applauds  
Advancements for Patients and Quality Health Care:  
*Governor Sebelius to HHS and Landmark Court Decision on  
Physician Ownership in Arkansas.***

WASHINGTON – Physician's Hospitals of America (PHA) applauds President Obama's choice to lead the Department of Health and Human Services and a landmark court decision in Arkansas providing much-needed clarification on the status of hospitals owned by reform-minded physicians.

"We are pleased that President Obama chose Kansas Governor Sebelius to head HHS," said Molly Sandvig, Executive Director of PHA. "Governor Sebelius has seen, first-hand, how hospitals owned and operated by physicians provide high-quality health care and strengthen local economies. These hospitals are a model for health-care reform, and we look forward to working with Governor Sebelius improve health care for all Americans."

There are 11 hospitals in Governor Sebelius' home state of Kansas that are owned and operated by physicians, including many with national reputations for high quality patient care, cost containment, and technical innovation. (See *list below*)

The President also named Nancy-Ann DeParle to lead the White House health care initiative, notes Sandvig, "The President has selected an individual who has experience with the Medicare and Medicaid system and is capable of seeing the difference between our opponents attacks and the facts as they exist. We look forward to working with her to advance the cause of health care quality."

DeParle served as head of the federal agency that ran Medicare and Medicaid under the Clinton administration.

### **Court Decision Supports Patients & Physicians**

In a separate development, a policy barring physicians who have ownership

stakes in hospitals from practicing at the largest health system in the state has been ruled unlawful by a court in Arkansas.

The landmark decision is considered a major blow to opponents of physician ownership of hospitals.

“The Arkansas court has affirmed that patients should have the right to choose their own physician and health care facility,” said Sandvig. “We are also pleased that the judge recognized the value of hospitals owned and operated by physicians in his order and saw through the scare tactics used by opponents.”

Judge Collins Kilgore wrote that the heart of the case is the patient-physician relationship adding that, “The relationship is entitled to exceptional protection.”

At issue was the Baptist Health policy that bars doctors from serving on the staff or having privileges at the hospital system if they own a stake in a competing facility. An order was issued by Kilgore that permanently bars Baptist Health from denying the clinic’s doctors from serving on the staff or having privileges in the system, including at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock.

Independent studies, including those conducted by the federal government have shown that physician hospitals have better outcomes in terms of infections rates and other quality measures than do the general hospitals. Patients have shorter stays and better results. At physician hospitals access to care is enhanced, not diminished.

For more information on physician-owned hospitals please visit [www.physicianhospitals.org](http://www.physicianhospitals.org) or contact Molly Sandvig at (605) 321-3483.

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***Editors Note: What follows is a list of hospitals owned by physicians sorted by state.***

<b>HOSPITAL NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>STATE</b>
Troy Regional Medical Center	Troy	AL
Crestwood Medical Center	Huntsville	AL
NEA Medical Center	Jonesboro	AR
HealthPark Hospital	Hot Springs	AR
Arkansas Surgical Hospital	North Little Rock	AR
Arkansas Heart Hospital	Little Rock	AR
National Park Medical Center	Hot Springs	AR
Arizona Heart Hospital	Phoenix	AZ
Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital	Chandler	AZ
Arizona Spine & Joint Hospital	Mesa	AZ

Arizona Regional Medical Center	Mesa	AZ
Tucson Heart Hospital	Tucson	AZ
Gilbert Hospital	Gilbert	AZ
Mountain Vista Medical Center	Mesa	AZ
Surgical Specialty Hospital of Arizona	Phoenix	AZ
Patients' Hospital of Redding	Redding	CA
Sutter Surgical Hospital - North Valley	Yuba City	CA
Shasta Regional Medical	Redding	CA
Fresno Surgical Hospital	Fresno	CA
Stanislaus Surgical Hospital	Modesto	CA
Bakersfield Heart Hospital	Bakersfield	CA
Thousand Oaks Surgical Hospital	Thousand Oaks	CA
Miracle Mile Medical Center	Los Angeles	CA
Olympia Medical Center	Los Angeles	CA
Community Hospital of Huntington Park	Huntington Park	CA
Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital	Norwalk	CA
Alvarado Hospital Medical Center	San Diego	CA
Animas Surgical Hospital	Durango	CO
Doctors Hospital	Augusta	GA
Trinity Hospital of Augusta	Augusta	GA
Hawaii Medical Center-West	Ewa Beach	HI
Hawaii Medical Center-East	Honolulu	HI
Treasure Valley Hospital	Boise	ID
Northwest Specialty Hospital	Post Falls	ID
Mountain View Hospital	Idaho Falls	ID
Surgical Hospital of Munster	Munster	IN
Pinnacle Hospital	Crown Point	IN
Franciscan Physicians Hospital	Munster	IN
Hind General Hospital	Hobart	IN
RiverCrest Specialty Hospital	Mishawaka	IN
Doctor's Hospital	Bremen	IN
Dupont Hospital	Fort Wayne	IN
Kosciusko Community Hospital	Warsaw	IN
Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital	Indianapolis	IN
Indiana Heart Hospital	Indianapolis	IN
St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana	Indianapolis	IN
Surgical and Diagnostic Center of Great Bend	Great Bend	KS
Salina Surgical Hospital	Salina	KS
Summit Surgical	Hutchinson	KS
Manhattan Surgical Hospital	Manhattan	KS
Doctors Specialty Hospital	Leawood	KS
Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute	Leawood	KS
Heartland Spine & Specialty Hospital	Overland Park	KS
Kansas Spine Hospital	Wichita	KS
Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center	Wichita	KS
Kansas Heart Hospital	Wichita	KS
Kansas Medical Center	Andover	KS
Galichia Heart Hospital	Wichita	KS
Southern Surgical Hospital	Slidell	LA
Fairway Medical Center	Covington	LA
Doctors Hospital of Slidell	Slidell	LA
Louisiana Heart Hospital	Lacombe	LA
Physicians Surgical Specialty Hospital	Houma	LA
Specialists Hospital Bossier	Bossier City	LA
Specialists Hospital Shreveport	Shreveport	LA
Ouachita Community Hospital	West Monroe	LA
P & S Surgical Hospital	Monroe	LA

Green Clinic Surgical Hospital	Ruston	LA
Monroe Surgical Hospital	Monroe	LA
Greater Baton Rouge Surgical Hospital	Baton Rouge	LA
The Neuro Medical Center Surgical Hospital	Baton Rouge	LA
Surgical Specialty Centre	Baton Rouge	LA
Lafayette General Surgical Hospital	Lafayette	LA
Park Place Surgical Hospital	Lafayette	LA
Heart Hospital Lafayette	Lafayette	LA
Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital	Lafayette	LA
Southpark Hospital	Youngsville	LA
Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital	Warren	MI
Oakland Regional Hospital	Southfield	MI
Ozarks Community Hospital	Springfield	MO
Health Center Northwest Hospital	Kalispell	MT
Central Montana Surgical Hospital	Great Falls	MT
North Carolina Specialty Hospital	Durham	NC
Lincoln Surgical Hospital	Lincoln	NE
Nebraska Heart Hospital	Lincoln	NE
Midwest Neuroscience Surgery Center	Omaha	NE
Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital	Omaha	NE
Bellevue Medical Center	Bellevue	NE
Heart Hospital of New Mexico	Albuquerque	NM
Physicians Medical Center of Santa Fe	Santa Fe	NM
Sierra Surgery Hospital	Carson City	NV
Surgery Center of Evendale	Cincinnati	OH
The Medical Center at Elizabeth Place	Dayton	OH
Riverview Health Institute	Dayton	OH
Institute for Orthopaedic Surgery	Lima	OH
Three Gables Surgery Center	Proctorville	OH
Butler County Medical Center	Hamilton	OH
Mercy Hospital Fairfield	Fairfield	OH
Medical Center of Newark	Newark	OH
Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital	Tulsa	OK
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital	Tulsa	OK
Hospital for Special Surgery	Oklahoma City	OK
Foundation Bariatric Hospital of Oklahoma	Edmond	OK
Northwest Surgical Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Surgical Hospital of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	OK
Oklahoma Center for Orthopaedic & Multi-Specialty Surgery	Oklahoma City	OK
Lakeside Women's Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
McBride Clinic Orthopedic Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Oklahoma Heart Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Deaconess Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Oklahoma Spine Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center	Springfield	OR
Edgewood Surgical Hospital	Transfer	PA
Diversified Specialty Institutes, Bucks County	Bensalem	PA
Surgical Specialty Center at Coordinated Health	Bethlehem	PA
Westfield Hospital	Allentown	PA
Surgical Insitute of Reading	Wyomissing	PA
Mary Black Memorial Hospital	Spartanburg	SC
Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital	Yankton	SD
Dakota Plains Surgical Center	Aberdeen	SD
Same Day Surgery Center	Rapid City	SD
Siouxland Surgery Center	Dakota Dunes	SD
Sioux Falls Surgical Center	Sioux Falls	SD

Black Hills Surgery Center	Rapid City	SD
Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota	Sioux Falls	SD
Woods Memorial Hospital	Etowah	TN
United Regional Medical Center	Manchester	TN
Texas Spine & Joint Hospital	Tyler	TX
Woodland Heights Medical Center	Lufkin	TX
Longview Regional Medical Center	Longview	TX
Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute	Beaumont	TX
TOPS Surgical Hospital	Houston	TX
The Medical Center of Southeast Texas	Port Arthur	TX
Vista Hospital of Dallas	Garland	TX
Baylor Medical Center at Frisco	Frisco	TX
Presbyterian Plano Center for Diagnostics & Surgery	Plano	TX
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital - North Texas	Richardson	TX
Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall	Rockwall	TX
USMD Hospital at Arlington	Arlington	TX
Foundation Surgical Hospital	Bellaire	TX
Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center	Houston	TX
Beacon Specialty Hospital	Houston	TX
Memorial Hermann Surgical Hospital Kingwood	Kingwood	TX
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital - North Houston	Shenandoah	TX
Texas Orthopedic Hospital	Houston	TX
Northwest Hills Surgical Hospital	Austin	TX
Heart Hospital Of Austin	Austin	TX
North Cypress Medical Center	Cypress	TX
Odessa Regional Medical Center	Odessa	TX
USMD Hospital at Fort Worth	Fort Worth	TX
GLOBALREHAB	Fort Worth	TX
Baylor Surgical Hospital at Fort Worth	Fort Worth	TX
Quail Creek Surgical Hospital	Amarillo	TX
Northwest Texas Surgical Hospital	Amarillo	TX
Harlingen Medical Center	Harlingen	TX
Doctors Hospital at Renaissance	Edinburg	TX
El Paso Specialty Hospital	El Paso	TX
Physicians Hospital	El Paso	TX
The Physicians Centre	Bryan	TX
St. Joseph Medical Center	Houston	TX
University General Hospital	Houston	TX
Lubbock Heart Hospital	Lubbock	TX
Foundation Bariatric Hospital of San Antonio	San Antonio	TX
Texasan Heart Hospital	San Antonio	TX
Austin Surgical Hospital	Austin	TX
The Hospital at Westlake Medical Center	Austin	TX
Sugar Land Surgical Hospital	Sugar Land	TX
Vista Medical Center Hospital	Pasadena	TX
Houston Physicians' Hospital	Webster	TX
South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital	San Antonio	TX
Southwest General Hospital	San Antonio	TX
Harris Methodist Southlake	Southlake	TX
RHD Medical Center	Dallas	TX
North Texas Hospital	Denton	TX
Southwest Surgical Hospital	Hurst	TX
Baylor Medical Center at Trophy Club	Trophy Club	TX
Cook Children's Hospital Northeast	Hurst	TX
Brownsville Doctors Hospital	Brownsville	TX
Doctor's Hospital of Laredo	Laredo	TX
Patients Medical Center	Pasadena	TX

Doctors Hospital Tidwell	Houston	TX
Doctors Hospital Parkway	Houston	TX
Houston Hospital for Specialized Surgery	Houston	TX
GLOBALREHAB	Dallas	TX
Pine Creek Medical Center	Dallas	TX
Baylor Heart and Vascular Center	Dallas	TX
Gulf States Hospitals	Dallas	TX
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital - Central Texas	Round Rock	TX
Irving Coppell Surgical Hospital	Irving	TX
Texas Institute for Surgery	Dallas	TX
Cache Valley Specialty Hospital	North Logan	UT
Davis Hospital and Medical Center	Layton	UT
Salt Lake Regional Medical Center	Salt Lake City	UT
Jordan Valley Medical Center	West Jordan	UT
Wenatchee Valley Hospital	Wenatchee	WA
OakLeaf Surgical Hospital	Eau Claire	WI
Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin	Glendale	WI
Aurora BayCare Medical Center	Green Bay	WI
Charleston Surgical Hospital	Charleston	WV