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**Greenwood Leflore Hospital Reopens Limited Inpatient Services**

**GREENWOOD, AUGUST 24, 2022** — Following the recovery from the sewage line event, Greenwood Leflore Hospital has been conducting a further analysis of inpatient services that were temporarily closed. This analysis was required to determine, with labor shortages and higher labor costs, how the hospital can continue to operate inpatient services while covering the cost of providing those services.

Today, we are announcing the reopening of limited inpatient services. Effective at 12:00 p.m., the hospital is reopening 12 medical/surgical beds. These beds will accommodate post-surgical inpatients and medical admissions. These beds will also accommodate patients under observation for less than 24 hours. Inpatient bed operations will not be staffed by contract nurses, but rather by nurses who are employed by the hospital.

The hospital reopened all outpatient services last week. The Labor & Delivery Unit remains staffed only for Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act purposes. The hospital's ICU remains temporarily closed. These two service lines remain under review. The hospital has committed to continuing service availability without the use of contract labor.

Further updates will be provided.

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***About Greenwood Leflore Hospital***

Greenwood Leflore Hospital is a healthcare organization that is publicly-owned by the City of Greenwood and Leflore County. One of the largest employers in Greenwood and Leflore County, the hospital employs 770 people. The hospital is a 208-bed facility that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and has received a B-rating for hospital safety from the Leapfrog Group.

GLH operates a Level 4 Trauma Center; an inpatient rehab facility that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities; clinic laboratories that are accredited by the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation; Mammography, CT and MRI services that are

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accredited by the American College of Radiology; and a Level 2 Stroke Center that has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, as well as the Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll award.

Other designations GLH has achieved include a COVID-19 Center of Excellence by the Mississippi State Department of Health; and a Baby-Friendly facility by Baby-Friendly USA.

A regional hub of healthcare services for North Central Mississippi, GLH upgrades facilities and technology and recruits highly skilled medical professionals to provide advanced care with compassion. GLH offers a broad range of medical and surgical care capabilities across its network of clinics.