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**PHYSICIAN'S GROUP REACHES AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE SERVICE AT
COOPER GREEN MERCY**

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Birmingham, AL (Jan. 11, 2013) – Jefferson Clinic PC has reached an agreement to continue medical services for Jefferson County at Cooper Green Mercy's urgent and primary care center, pending approval of the Jefferson County Commission.

"Jefferson County has negotiated in good faith with Jefferson PC for sometime now, " Jefferson County CEO Tony Petelos says. "We are committed to continuous care. The transformation of Cooper Green Mercy is moving according to plan."

Here are some additional facts about Cooper Green Mercy.

- Since the January 1, 2013 transition to an urgent and primary care center, Cooper Green Mercy has seen more than 1,600 patients.
- Transfer of Cooper Green Mercy patients to partner hospitals has worked seamlessly with no additional cost to the patient.
- The pharmacy at Cooper Green Mercy remains open and available to patients Monday – Friday from 8am – 5pm.
- Inpatient contracts are in the final stages of approval.

"The County is deeply committed to uninterrupted healthcare for the patients of Cooper Green Mercy during this transition," Petelos says.

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