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Cooper Green Mercy Transition Update

Jefferson County CEO Tony Petelos says the process is moving forward in the transition of Cooper Green Mercy Hospital. The complex process is moving according to schedule. Among the latest actions:

- Six (6) hospitals are included in newly signed Memorandums of Understanding.
- The current emergency room doctors will provide urgent care services.
- Jefferson County is currently going through the notification process, which includes government entities, regulatory agencies and accrediting bodies.
- Jefferson County's CEO meets with first responders today to provide information concerning the discontinuance of emergency care at Cooper Green Mercy.

The daily census for Cooper Green Mercy for Tuesday, December 18, 2012: **21**

With more than 3,000 available beds in Jefferson County healthcare facilities, Petelos says he is confident appropriate patient placement will be completed on schedule.

Petelos and his staff announced last week the transition of Cooper Green Mercy Hospital to an urgent and primary care facility effective January 1, 2013. Jefferson County will voluntarily surrender the acute care hospital license for Cooper Green Mercy at the close of the business day on December 31, 2012. The move will discontinue inpatient and emergency room services at Cooper Green Mercy.

Effective January 1, 2013, the urgent care center will be open daily from 8am-midnight. All outpatient clinics will continue to operate at Cooper Green Mercy the same way they do now.

More information about the transition can be found at CooperGreenFuture.com.

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