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**COOPER GREEN MERCY HOSPITAL NOTIFIES EMPLOYEES
AFFECTED BY THE TRANSITION**
More than 200 Employees Notified

BIRMINGHAM, AL- (December 20, 2012) — Employees affected by the transition of Cooper Green Mercy Hospital to an urgent and primary care center are receiving notification of administrative leave without pay today.

The notices, which go into effect December 31, are being distributed to more than 200 employees.

Those employees may have access to healthcare and unemployment benefits.

“This is an unfortunate, but necessary part of the process for transitioning Cooper Green Mercy Hospital to an urgent and primary care center. Our skilled human resources department is equipped to handle these sensitive times, and I have full confidence in their ability to provide the necessary services to meet the needs of all those affected. It is my highest priority to ensure the quality of patient care is not impacted as a result of this action,” said Tony Petelos, CEO, Jefferson County.

Jefferson County is currently transitioning Cooper Green Mercy Hospital into a sustainable, 21st century healthcare model. Cooper Green Mercy will discontinue inpatient and emergency room services at the end of the business day, December 31, 2012. Cooper Green Mercy will open an urgent care center on Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

The urgent care center will be open seven days a week from 8am to midnight. Primary and subspecialty care clinics will continue to operate as they do now.

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