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Cooper Green Mercy Transition Update

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Birmingham, Al (Dec. 31, 2012) - The transition of Cooper Green Mercy Hospital to a sustainable 21st century healthcare model is moving according to plan. Jefferson County's strategic decision to transform the hospital into an urgent and primary care center will occur at midnight when the County voluntarily surrenders Cooper Green Mercy's acute care hospital license to the state. Among the latest actions:

- Cooper Green Mercy finalized appropriate placement of all patients receiving inpatient care bringing the daily census to 0 as of Friday, December 28, 2012.
- Jefferson County remains in contact with government entities, regulatory agencies and accrediting bodies to insure a seamless transition.
- First responders have been notified about the scheduled discontinuance of emergency care services at the Sixth Avenue South facility.

Cooper Green Mercy's urgent and primary care center opens Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at 8am. The urgent care center will operate 7-days-a-week from 8am - midnight. Primary and specialty care clinics will be open Monday - Friday from 8am - 5pm. The pharmacy at Cooper Green Mercy will also remain open Monday - Friday from 8am – 5pm.

"This transition is a complex process that is moving according to the plan we have in place," Jefferson County CEO Tony Petelos says. "Patient care remains our first priority. The transformation of Cooper Green into a sustainable urgent and primary care model, while partnering with hospitals in the community, will strengthen Jefferson County's commitment to healthcare for the future."

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

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