

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT COOPER GREEN MERCY**

### **What is happening at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital?**

Jefferson County CEO Tony Petelos has announced Cooper Green Mercy will transition to an urgent and primary care facility effective January 1, 2013.

### **What does the transition mean?**

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.

### **What about outpatient services?**

Outpatient clinics will continue to operate at Cooper Green Mercy the same way they do now. If you have appointments at the outpatient clinics, you should keep all of your appointments. If you cannot come to your appointment, please call 930.3350 so we can reschedule.

### **How will the urgent and primary care facility operate?**

Starting January 1, 2013, the urgent care center at Cooper Green Mercy will be open daily (Monday-Sunday) from 8am-midnight. Again, all outpatient clinics will continue to operate at Cooper Green Mercy the same way they do now.

### **What will happen to the current patients at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital?**

Cooper Green Mercy will continue to manage normal operations and care of the inpatient population through December. During this time, Cooper Green Mercy will oversee the appropriate placement of all acute care patients ahead of the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 transition. The County is working with several healthcare providers in Jefferson County to assist in the transition of patients in need of hospitalization.

### **What was the rationale for the decision?**

The current model of care is unsustainable. Cooper Green Mercy is licensed to operate with 319 beds. The hospital currently operates at 103 beds, however the average daily census for Cooper Green Mercy Hospital for this year has been under 40 patients. The Jefferson County Commission voted on August 28 to discontinue inpatient services at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital. See commission resolutions under the Learn the Facts link on the main page of [CooperGreenFuture.com](http://CooperGreenFuture.com) for more detail.

### **How can we get information or our questions answered?**

This is an ongoing dialogue. We will continue to hold meetings with the public. Check [CooperGreenFuture.com](http://CooperGreenFuture.com) regularly for information.