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UAB HEALTH SYSTEM EXPANDING SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH COOPER GREEN'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES

BIRMINGHAM, AL- (October 27, 2012) —The University of Alabama at Birmingham Health System (UAB Health System) is committed to patient care and is collaborating with Jefferson County to expand UAB's existing transfer and service agreements. This ensures citizens receiving care at Cooper Green have access to high quality, uninterrupted healthcare services as Cooper Green Mercy Hospital transitions to a new healthcare model.

"Cooper Green is undergoing an important, and necessary transition," says Will Ferniany, CEO, UAB Health System. "As a member of Birmingham's healthcare community, UAB has always worked collaboratively with Cooper Green. UAB is committed to continue our long standing relationship with Jefferson County to make sure patients receive uninterrupted care," says Ferniany.

August 28 the Jefferson County Commission passed a resolution to transition Cooper Green Mercy to a model that delivers cost-effective, quality healthcare.

"UAB is an important leader in our healthcare community," says Tony Petelos, CEO, Jefferson County.

"Having service agreements in place with UAB is an important step toward strengthening the services provided to those who historically use the services of Cooper Green Mercy. This partnership has given us momentum as we continue working with other hospitals and doctors to establish agreements that bring the very best of our community's healthcare resources to bear for those who depend on the services provided by Cooper Green Mercy," says Petelos.

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