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**FORUM HEALTH AND ARDENT HEALTH SERVICES
SIGN PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

- *Nashville hospital company offers to buy hospitals for \$69.8 million and invest an additional \$50 million to \$70 million*
- *'Very exciting news' for employees, Mahoning Valley residents*
- *Sale would put Forum Health on path to exit bankruptcy*

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – June 10, 2010 – Forum Health and its affiliated entities filed a court motion today to sell its hospitals and other assets to Ardent Health Services, a Nashville, Tenn., hospital company, beginning a complex process to exit bankruptcy.

The motion was filed in bankruptcy court after Forum and Ardent signed an asset purchase agreement outlining a proposed sale of Northside Medical Center, Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital and substantially all of its operating assets to Ardent for \$69.8 million.

Ardent has pledged to keep all of the hospitals open and invest an additional \$50 million to \$70 million over five years on renovations, new equipment and other upgrades that will enhance the quality of care and service.

Forum submitted the agreement to the bankruptcy court as part of a sale motion. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Kay Woods will determine the process for reviewing the agreement, as well as any competing bids or objections to the agreement. This process may take several months to complete. Forum has been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy since March 2009.

“After thorough evaluation of all options, the board concluded that the best possible outcome for Forum Health, our creditors and the community is a sale to Ardent, which is known for investing in quality care,” said Phil Dennison, board chair. “The proposal by Ardent truly offers Forum Health a more secure and stable future and provides continued access to high-quality health care services for residents of the Mahoning Valley.

“This is very exciting news for our employees and the people of the Mahoning Valley, and we are hopeful that the court and our creditors will adopt the result of our sale process as a solution for our hospitals, our caregivers and our patients.”

In addition to the hospitals, Ardent would purchase Forum’s physician group, its two diagnostic and imaging centers and its five laboratory sites.

David T. Vandewater, president and CEO of Ardent Health Services, sees Forum’s strengths and potential.

“We believe in Forum Health and its future as a vibrant contributor to the region, as a provider of quality health care and as an important employer,” he said. “We appreciate the support we have received throughout the community, the state and within Forum. We hope the court will approve the sale and that we’ll have the opportunity to join this community and be a part of its next success story.”

Ardent’s plans for Forum Health include a focused investment and an expansion of specific services in conjunction with physicians, as well as replacing aging medical equipment with state-of-the-art technology and upgrading facility infrastructures.

The membership of all three unions representing Forum’s employees – the Service Employees International Union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Ohio Nurses Association – have indicated support for an Ardent purchase.

Background

Forum Health and its affiliated entities voluntarily filed March 16, 2009, to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Since then, Forum has taken numerous actions to improve performance and reorganize the system, including making changes to its pension plans, renegotiating collective bargaining agreements and realigning staffing to reflect current market realities, with reductions primarily in the areas of non-patient care, management and health systems to ensure no impact on patient care.

About Forum Health

Forum Health’s history dates back to 1881 with the founding of the Youngstown Hospital Association. The association established Youngstown’s first hospital in 1883 and eventually opened Northside Medical Center in 1929, setting a benchmark as one of the first multi-unit hospitals in the nation. The system evolved into Forum Health in 1997 when Western Reserve Care System merged with Trumbull Memorial Hospital.

About Ardent Health Services

Ardent Health Services invests in quality healthcare. In people, technology, facilities and communities, Ardent makes considerable investments, producing high quality care and extraordinary results. Based in Nashville, Tenn., Ardent subsidiaries own and operate acute care health systems in Albuquerque, N.M., and Tulsa, Okla., with net revenues totaling \$1.8 billion. Its network includes eight hospitals with 1,409 licensed beds, a multi-specialty physician group, a health plan that serves more than 220,000 people and a nationally recognized medical laboratory. For more information on Ardent, please visit www.ardenthealth.com.

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