

## Memo

**To:** Forum Health Community  
**From:** Keith T. Ghezzi, M.D., President and CEO  
**Subject:** New Children's Hospital Planned for Beeghly Medical Park  
**Date:** September 5, 2007

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This week, the Forum Health Board of Trustees approved an agreement with Akron Children's Hospital (ACH) for the purchase of Beeghly Medical Park in Boardman. ACH intends to use the facility to create a specialty children's hospital to serve the entire Mahoning Valley.

The Board pursued this opportunity because of the many benefits the new hospital will bring to the community. With a facility devoted exclusively to the care of children here in the Mahoning Valley, residents will have access to ACH's extraordinary range of pediatric specialists, and dozens of advocacy, education, outreach and research programs.

Akron Children's, ranked as one of the best pediatric hospitals in the country, also has been awarded Magnet status for its nursing excellence and is regularly included among the best workplaces in Ohio.

We will be working closely with the leadership of ACH over the coming weeks and months to complete the transaction and to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals from the State of Ohio.

We also will immediately begin the transfer obstetrics, gynecology and related women's health services to the Northside Medical Center campus to ensure no gaps in care for these patients.

As we move forward, we hope also to work closely with union leaders and employees of Beeghly Medical Park to help those affected by the planned sale and do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition.

Forum's healthcare employees and physicians have time and again proved their dedication and care through the hard work of this turnaround. I thank you for your continued professionalism as we now move to reach agreements with qualified partners and purchasers that will enhance and preserve access to healthcare in our community.

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