

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

August 31, 2007

Forum Health, MHV Management and Valley Hospital Ventures jointly announced today that they have reached an agreement resolving all disputes between them and dissolving their joint venture.

Among other things, the agreement will end a pending lawsuit filed in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court by MHV and will ensure that no future related claims or lawsuits will be filed.

In resolving their disputes, MHV, Forum and Valley agreed that the interests of the Mahoning Valley were best served by each of the parties individually pursuing ways to deliver quality and affordable health care to the people of Mahoning County. The parties remain committed to providing such top quality healthcare.

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