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SCOTT SMITH NAMED CEO AT LAKE WALES MEDICAL CENTER

LAKE WALES, – Scott Smith has been named Chief Executive Officer of Lake Wales Medical Center, effective August 23.

Smith comes to Lake Wales from CHS-affiliated Fannin Regional Hospital, a 50-bed hospital in Blue Ridge, Ga. where he has served as CEO since 2008. This is a homecoming for Smith, who served as Assistant CEO of Lake Wales from 2005 to 2007 before accepting a promotion within CHS in Virginia prior to moving to Blue Ridge, Ga.

“Lake Wales is an outstanding hospital with a service-oriented culture,” Smith said. “I am honored to come back and serve with this caring team of physicians, employees and volunteers who provide great care for their patients every day.”

During Smith’s tenure, Fannin built a culture focused on service and quality patient care. The results include ten consecutive quarters on the Georgia Hospital Association’s Chairman’s Honor Roll for Quality and a deficiency-free Joint Commission survey in 2008. Patient, physician and employee satisfaction scores have jumped into the 90th percentile. The hospital has recruited seven new physicians to the community and completed patient room renovations and upgrades.

“Scott is a service-oriented leader who knows how to support a team that will provide excellent patient care,” said Jim Armstrong, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lake Wales Medical Center. “We are excited to welcome Scott and his family back to our hospital and the Lake Wales community.”

For the next few weeks until Smith’s arrival, Lake Wales Assistant CEO Eric Lachance will serve as Interim CEO.

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