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Parkland to Negotiate Agreement with CMS

DALLAS – Parkland Health & Hospital System committed to The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that it will enter into a Systems Improvement Agreement to maintain Parkland’s participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This agreement, which will be finalized no later than Sept. 30, provides Parkland the opportunity to continue to operate fully and to address the problems identified in the recent CMS survey.

A Systems Improvement Agreement is a time-limited agreement between CMS and a hospital. In lieu of termination, the Systems Improvement Agreement requires Parkland to bring in external, third-party and CMS-approved quality improvement consultants to implement corrective actions. This consultant will act as an agent of CMS to analyze the Parkland reports, findings and original plan of corrections. From this, and their own comprehensive review of Parkland’s compliance with the CMS Conditions of Participation, the consultant will craft a plan for improvement. The consultant will oversee the implementation of that plan and report back to CMS as Parkland improves. The timeline for this process will be addressed in the agreement.

Parkland remains fully accredited and is accepting Medicare and Medicaid. The agreement will abate the notice of termination of Parkland’s participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs that Parkland received today.

“We are grateful for this opportunity to work with an outside expert to address the problems identified by CMS. This allows Parkland and CMS to be jointly engaged in an aggressive improvement process,” said John Jay Shannon, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. “We are committed to successfully meeting CMS expectations and to continually serving the people of Dallas County. I can guarantee we will be a stronger, more capable, safer hospital system.”

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