

OPEN LETTER TO OUR PATIENTS

“ Rockwood Clinic will be giving a new type of service where a complete examination and necessary medical and surgical services will be available under one roof under close personal supervision of the physician in charge. ”

~ William W. Robinson, M.D., founder of Rockwood Clinic (circa 1930)

More than 78 years ago, the physicians, administration and staff of Rockwood Clinic committed to providing compassionate, comprehensive, quality and integrated medical care holding the patient as the number one priority. This always has, and always will be, our commitment to our patients and our community.

On Monday, October 19, the board of directors of Rockwood Clinic unanimously agreed to enter into a non-binding letter of intent (LOI) with CHS Washington Holdings, LLC. This letter paves the way for Rockwood, Deaconess Medical Center and Valley Hospital and Medical Center to develop an integrated health care delivery system (IHDS). The LOI allows both parties the opportunity for in-depth discussions about a possible alignment. Upon completion of the discussions, both parties will have the opportunity to decide if aligning together is best for both organizations and their patients.

An IHDS is an alignment of health care providers that deliver services across the continuum of care. This particular IHDS would offer inpatient hospital care; primary care and specialty care; ambulatory surgery centers; urgent care facilities; and outpatient services such as physical therapy, imaging, and a full spectrum of cancer therapies. By integrating the delivery of care, systems are able to improve quality, accessibility and efficiency of treatment, continuing Dr. Robinson's vision for Rockwood Clinic.

We are dedicated to serving our patients with the compassionate care and clinical excellence the community has expected from Rockwood for more than 78 years. Patients will not be asked to change their provider, nor are they being directed to a specific hospital facility. These decisions will continue to be made by the patient in consultation with their physician.

Rockwood Clinic will continue to operate under its own brand, and no changes are anticipated to its staffing or management. Rockwood will continue to be guided by a board of directors comprised of physicians operating under by-laws established and approved by Rockwood.

This opportunity would provide Rockwood with access to national medical resources, shared best practices, significant group purchasing benefits and access to additional capital that has not been available to Rockwood as a stand-alone entity.

With quality patient care as our number one priority, we believe this has tremendous potential for our future and the future of our patients. We look forward to continuing to serve our patients and our community for a very long time.

Sincerely,

The Rockwood Board of Directors

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