



**Hospital Sisters**  
Health System

# NEWS

**Belleville, IL**  
*St. Elizabeth's Hospital*

**Breese, IL**  
*St. Joseph's Hospital*

**Decatur, IL**  
*St. Mary's Hospital*

**Effingham, IL**  
*St. Anthony's  
Memorial Hospital*

**Highland, IL**  
*St. Joseph's Hospital*

**Litchfield, IL**  
*St. Francis Hospital*

**Springfield, IL**  
*St. John's Hospital*

**Streator, IL**  
*St. Mary's Hospital*

**Chippewa Falls, WI**  
*St. Joseph's Hospital*

**Eau Claire, WI**  
*Sacred Heart Hospital*

**Green Bay, WI**  
*St. Mary's Hospital  
Medical Center  
St. Vincent Hospital*

**Sheboygan, WI**  
*St. Nicholas Hospital*

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## PLANS TO AFFILIATE SYSTEMS TERMINATED

SPRINGFIELD, IL -- Hospital Sisters Health System and Saint Anthony's Health System announced today that plans to affiliate the two Systems have been terminated.

"While it is unfortunate that the affiliation will not proceed, HSHS remains strongly committed to Catholic health care in Southern Illinois for the residents of this important region," said Stephanie S. McCutcheon, President and CEO of HSHS.

McCutcheon added that HSHS believes the termination of the proposed affiliation is the best decision for both health systems. HSHS remains open to potential initiatives in the region that would further extend quality health care in the Franciscan tradition and follow the System's strong commitment to serving all people in need.

Hospital Sisters Health System sponsors three hospitals in the region - St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese and St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland. St. Anthony's Health System sponsors two hospitals in Alton; Saint Anthony's Health Center and Saint Clare's Hospital.

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