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Relias Healthcare Announces Expansion of its Partnership with Forrest Health System to Serve South Mississippi

Hattiesburg, MS – (February 29, 2024) - Relias Healthcare, a leading provider of Emergency Medicine (EM) and Hospital Medicine (HM) staffing solutions, is thrilled to announce a strategic partnership with Forrest Health. This partnership will solidify Relias' position as the staffing partner for all Forrest Health regional hospitals in South Mississippi including EM and HM services at Highland Community Hospital (Picayune), Jefferson Davis Community Hospital (Prentiss), Marion General Hospital (Columbia), Perry County Hospital (Richton), and Walthall General Hospital (Tylertown), and EM services at Forrest General Hospital (Hattiesburg), and Pearl River County Hospital (Poplarville).

This collaboration between Relias Healthcare and Forrest Health represents a significant milestone in both organizations' commitment to providing high-quality healthcare services to the local community. As the preferred staffing partner, Relias Healthcare will bring its expertise in Emergency and Hospital Medicine to enhance the delivery of patient-centered care across the Forrest Health network.

Forrest Health, a renowned healthcare provider committed to excellence and innovation, recognizes the value of Relias Healthcare's comprehensive staffing solutions. By choosing Relias Healthcare as their partner, Forrest Health aims to strengthen its ability to meet the growing healthcare needs of the South Mississippi region.

Key highlights of the partnership include:

- **Enhanced Patient Experience:** Through this collaboration, patients across the Forrest Health network can expect an elevated standard of care with a focus on timely and efficient Emergency and Hospital Medicine services.
- **Expansion in South Mississippi:** Relias Healthcare is excited to expand its footprint in South Mississippi, further demonstrating its commitment to supporting healthcare providers and communities in the region.
- **Expertise and Excellence:** With a team of highly-skilled and dedicated healthcare professionals, Relias Healthcare brings a wealth of experience to the partnership, enhancing Forrest Health's ability to deliver exceptional healthcare services.

Leadership from both organizations express enthusiasm for the partnership and the positive impact it will have on the healthcare landscape in South Mississippi. The collaboration is expected to result in improved patient outcomes, increased operational efficiency, and a strengthened healthcare infrastructure for the communities served.

"As always, Forrest Health's mission is to 'do what is best for the patient,'" said Vance Green, Forrest Health vice president. "We are confident this partnership will continue allowing us to care for our patients across South Mississippi."

"Our partnership with Forrest Health has always been about elevating the level of care for the people of South Mississippi. Through this expansion we will have the opportunity to bring our expertise in Emergency and Hospitalist Medicine to the Forrest Health Community System and elevate the physician services by working as one Forrest Health Team." - Luke West, CEO of Relias Healthcare

ABOUT RELIAS HEALTHCARE:

Relias Healthcare is a multi-state healthcare solutions company with over 300 providers and over 350,000 annual visits. Relias Healthcare provides hospitals with a wide portfolio of management and staffing solutions within the acute care setting of hospital systems, tertiary referral centers and rural community hospitals. Providers are our priority, hospitals are our partners, and patients are our purpose.

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