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**EXCELA HEALTH COMMITS \$12 MILLION TO RESHAPING OF FRICK CAMPUS,
ENHANCING EMERGENCY CARE, OUTPATIENT SERVICES,
TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY HEALTH**

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA, June 13, 2014 ... Excelsa Health will invest \$12 million in the Frick community over the next five years to design an innovative health care delivery system for the residents of southern Westmoreland and northern Fayette counties.

When complete, the project is expected to result in the creation of a medical mall complete with full-service laboratory, imaging and physical therapy services on the Frick Hospital campus and a renaming of the facility to reflect its broader purpose. Patterned after Excelsa Square at Norwin, the health system's highly successful health care complex in North Huntingdon Township, the campus will be named Excelsa Square at Frick.

Phase 1 includes a \$2 million enhancement of Frick's award-winning emergency department as well as a \$375,000 investment to create Advanced Wound Care and Sleep Centers on the premises.

Having already remodeled the hospital's third floor at a cost of \$2.6 million, all inpatient care now will be focused there, allowing for continued development elsewhere in the building including the addition of several physician specialists to the complement of care providers on campus. A portion of the second floor already has been converted to a Clinical Education Center and Simulation Learning Laboratory at a cost of \$325,000.

A new entrance with expanded lobby rotunda, modernized café and enhanced primary care physician office suites are part of Phase II. Also planned is the expansion of Excelsa Health's joint venture with UPMC CancerCenter in Mount Pleasant with the relocations of Arnold Palmer Cancer Pavilion's medical oncology practice from Bessemer Road to the Frick campus.

In Phase III as the project advances over the next few years, the medical mall concept that has been so successful in North Huntingdon will continue to be developed as will the variety of diagnostics, rehabilitation services and health and wellness offerings.

At the heart of the design is the formation of a patient-centered medical home. Once complete, this full-service medical center will bring together a number of physician practices currently scattered across several

offices under one roof, and support them with enhanced diagnostic services and other clinical specialists to create an exceptional patient experience in a single location.

Driving the expansion at the Frick campus is the growing demand for outpatient services in the region. In 2013, Frick staff handled 125,000 outpatient visits and 25,000 emergency cases. Excelsa Health is responding to that shift by improving access to the services most needed and utilizing resources most appropriately for safe and quality patient care.

“Our goal is to focus and expand the presence of clinical care and health care services that target the community’s most pressing health problems,” said Michael D. Busch, Excelsa Health’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “The Frick staff and physicians have achieved national recognition for patient satisfaction in emergency care and the highest customer service scores across the health system for inpatient care. They are poised to improve the health and well-being of the residents in the southern portion of our service area by helping them engage with a primary care physician, receive the necessary medical testing and education to guide them in the management of the conditions that are life-limiting, and connect with other specialists who can address their specific needs, all in one location.”

When complete, Excelsa Square at Frick will feature:

- Modernized emergency department
- On-campus medical oncology in partnership with Arnold Palmer Cancer Pavilion
- Advanced Wound Care Center
- Advanced Sleep Center
- Renovated 3rd Floor for inpatient care
- Clinical Education Center and Simulation Learning Laboratory
- Ambulatory surgery center for same-day procedures
- Expanded main entrance, modernized lobby and café
- Enhanced diagnostic and imaging services, including MRI, with rapid results
- Population health management through enhanced physician communication tools
- Primary care, cardiology, gastroenterology, obstetrics and gynecology, oncology
orthopedics, pediatrics and other physician specialties
- Outpatient physical therapy

“We know that diabetes and heart disease are major health concerns for the Frick community,” said Maryann Singley, Vice President of Patient Care Services at Excelsa Frick Hospital. “That is guiding our design for the campus as we seek to create the exceptional patient experience. Everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy a pleasurable long life. We are excited about the future of the Frick campus and what our commitment means to the community.”