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**EXCELA HEALTH ACQUIRES LAUREL SURGICAL CENTER,  
ALIGNING PHYSICIANS, OUTPATIENT SERVICES TO MEET PATIENT NEED**

**GREENSBURG, PA, August 1, 2013** ... Excelsa Health adds Laurel Surgical Center in Hempfield Township to its service offerings. Opened in 2004 by a multi-specialty group of Westmoreland County physicians as a low-cost, alternative to hospital-based outpatient care, the 16,000-square-foot ambulatory surgery center on Donohoe Road was purchased for \$10.8 million. The sale is effective August 1, and returns all operational and management oversight to Westmoreland County, ending a relationship with Meridian, a national healthcare management company based in Tennessee that held a 54 percent interest in the Center.

“We are pleased to partner with Excelsa Health to deliver quality outpatient surgical services to our community,” said urologist Geoffrey Bisignani, MD, one of 29 physicians representing 10 specialties offering care at Laurel Surgical Center. “Most of the physicians utilizing the surgical center also see patients at other Excelsa facilities, so the relationship is well-established. Surgical center providers are aligned with Excelsa’s mission and vision and share similar values for exceptional patient care. Being able to work collaboratively to reduce the overall cost of health care in our community while providing an outstanding patient experience is a mutual goal of the physicians and the health system. Affiliating with Excelsa Health also expands the insurance coverage options for patients who may have been limited in their choices based on their individual medical plan.

“With the trend to more convenient outpatient settings, this affiliation with Excelsa Health will enable the Center to expand our services to the broader

regional community, offering high quality, personable care from our superb staff. We are all excited for the future of the Center,” added Dr. Bisignani who practices with GU Inc. in Greensburg and Latrobe. Now as part of Excelsa Health, patients with UPMC Health Plan may select the surgical center for their care, which was previously not an option.

Similar to Excelsa Square at Norwin, Excelsa Health’s destination multi-specialty facility in North Huntingdon, Laurel Surgical Center is specifically designed for outpatient procedures with three well-equipped operating rooms, two procedure rooms, eight pre-operative beds, seven post anesthesia care units, six step down stations, and a private recovery room.

Because all procedures offered at the surgical center are elective, scheduling occurs within the typical Monday through Friday work week during daylight hours.

The patient-friendly design of the center ensures optimum flow and maximum privacy. Due to increased efficiencies, a majority of outpatient procedures require less time than in a traditional hospital setting, allowing patients to return to their family and daily schedules faster.

To learn more about Laurel Surgical Center, visit [www.laurelsurgicalcenter.com](http://www.laurelsurgicalcenter.com).