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EXCELA HEALTH PROMOTES MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP TEAM

GREENSBURG, PA, December 26, 2012... Continuing growth in ambulatory and diagnostic services as well as the ongoing expansion of the home medical equipment component of Excela Health's operation support promotions of various members of the health system's leadership team.

Sherry Gaston joins the senior management team as Vice President for Ambulatory and Diagnostic Services, while John Sphon becomes solely responsible for MedCare Equipment Company, LLC, as its full-time Chief Executive Officer.

These announcements reflect the significant contributions both individuals have made to service line development over the past several years.

Under Sphon's leadership as its chief executive, MedCare has become a national model of provider collaboration, a successful joint venture of seven regional health systems, most recently adding UMPC Hamot's Great Lakes Home Care division in Erie as a member, expanding the market to northwestern Pennsylvania and western New York. Today MedCare is a \$27 million company, with Excela Health the principal stakeholder.

With the continuing expansion of MedCare Equipment Company, LLC, Sphon, who also has served in an executive leadership role as the Vice President of Ambulatory and Diagnostic Services, including Home Care and Hospice, and as Chief Executive Officer of MedCare, will transition full time to MedCare.

With Sphon's move, Sherry Gaston joins the senior leadership team as Vice President of Ambulatory and Diagnostic Services, providing leadership to Excelsa Health's growing outpatient services in laboratory, imaging, diabetes and wound care, including the widespread outpatient QuikDraw locations. Other related promotions include Barb Day to System Director, Laboratory Services; Judy Raishart as System Director of Imaging, and Tom Capco as System Director of Outpatient Services, responsible for wound, diabetes, sleep and QuikDraw operations.

Gaston steps into the vice president role, having held the position of director over laboratory and imaging services as well as outpatient clinics for the past 16 months. Like Sphon, Gaston has 28 years experience in health care. A registered radiology technologist and certified nuclear medicine technologist, she has moved from the front lines to the managerial level with ease. Her experience includes radiopharmaceutical sales as well as finance where she is recognized as a fellow of The Advisory Board. For more than a decade she has provided leadership in imaging services first at Frick Hospital, and later systemwide. Most recently, under her direction, Excelsa Health has realized a 4.5 percent gain in these outpatient services, and that trend is expected to continue with further development of Excelsa Square at Norwin and its sister sites in Hempfield and Unity Township.

Doug Dascenzo, Vice President of Patient Care Service, Latrobe Hospital, will take on executive leadership of Excelsa's Home Care and Hospice program to further expand these services, with a focus on the transitions among home, physician office and hospital care.