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**Albert W. Pilkington III Named Chief Executive Officer
of Doctors Hospital In Grand Forks**

Veteran Healthcare Executive Will Lead Opening Of New Hospital

Mishawaka, IN – December 15, 2011 -- Physicians Hospital System (PHS), a network of physician-owned healthcare facilities providing a continuum of care to patients in Indiana and North Dakota, announced today that Albert W. Pilkington III has been appointed chief executive officer of Doctors Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Pilkington assumed his position at the facility on December 5, 2011.

“I am pleased to announce that from eighty applicants for the Doctors Hospital CEO position, Albert Pilkington has been named CEO for Doctors Hospital. We based our selection on our system’s criteria and mission: quality care, physician involvement and continued growth. Albert is the model of the successful hospital CEO,” said Cameron Gilbert, president and chief executive officer of Physicians Hospital System. “He has led several facilities across the country and in each has improved operations, made them more efficient and successfully recruited physicians, all of which resulted in better care and service for patients. We have the right leader to open this state-of-the-art hospital for the people of Grand Forks and the surrounding area.”

Pilkington brings more than 25 years healthcare experience to Doctors Hospital in Grand Forks. In his previous experience, Pilkington is credited with cutting costs, improving productivity, expanding service lines, creating leadership training programs for managers and implementing long range strategic plans for the facilities he has administered.

"I am very excited about leading Doctors Hospital in Grand Forks. Our facility is built for patient comfort and our leadership focus offers the best in quality and service. I welcome this opportunity to lead in this environment, and I am excited to be a part of the opening of Doctors Hospital," Pilkington stated.

He earned both an undergraduate degree in business administration and his MBA from the University of Central Arkansas. Pilkington is married with three children.

Doctors Hospital in Grand Forks is a 94,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility built in 2009. Acquired by Physicians Hospital System in 2011, the facility was originally intended to open as a physician-owned hospital but provisions within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed by Congress in 2010 banned physician ownership in new hospitals and prevented the hospital from opening. As part of PHS, Doctors Hospital will be a full-service facility offering an emergency department, intensive care unit and obstetrics. The build out of the hospital and the hiring of staff are underway. Once certified, the hospital is expected to open in early 2012.

About Physicians Hospital System--

Physicians Hospital System (PHS) is a network of physician-owned facilities providing a continuum of care to patients in north central Indiana and southern Michigan. Made up of physician practices and clinics, PHS features Doctors Hospital and Neuromuscular Center in Bremen, Indiana; RiverCrest Specialty Hospital and Unity Medical and Surgical Hospital, both in Mishawaka, Indiana; and Doctors Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota. PHS facilities provide general, orthopedic and spine surgery, neuromuscular treatment and long-term acute care. To learn more, visit our web site: <http://www.physicianshospitalsystem.com>.