

# *Dear Valued Patient of Central Maine Healthcare,*

I am writing to share some exciting news about the future of healthcare in our region. Central Maine Healthcare has reached an agreement with Prime Healthcare Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity that is a nationally recognized, physician-led, award-winning health system with 16 hospitals founded in 2006. This agreement represents a significant milestone in our mission to deliver high-quality, accessible, compassionate care to you and your loved ones. The Foundation's presence extends from coast to coast, with hospitals as close as Rhode Island and New Jersey.

## *Through this partnership, we will:*

**Invest in and Honor Our Community:** Terms of the agreement include a commitment by Prime Healthcare Foundation to invest \$150 million in people, facilities and technology across our health system in the next five years. This agreement covers all Central Maine Healthcare hospitals, physician practices, long-term care facilities, and other locations. All locations will retain their original names and identities out of respect for our long legacy of caring for the community.

**Expanded Access to Care:** We know your relationship with your doctors and healthcare team is important. Under this agreement, you will still see the same clinician. Together with Prime Healthcare Foundation, we will work to expand access to essential healthcare services, making sure that high-quality care is available for you and your family in the years to come.

**Maintain Local Focus and Leadership:** A new community foundation will be formed, securing local influence and oversight of the health system by people you know and trust. Charity care and community benefit programs will continue, preserving the health system's role as a valued community partner. All philanthropic donations designated to the hospital of your choice will be honored and remain local.

**Regulatory Approval:** It's important to note this new agreement with Prime Healthcare Foundation needs both state and federal approval, which we anticipate in June 2025. Between now and then, our dedicated teams of healthcare professionals will remain focused on what matters most: you, our patients.

I know you will have many questions. We will keep you apprised of developments every step of the way, and plan public forums in the spring.

This agreement will strengthen our ability to meet the growing needs of our patients and ensure Central Maine Healthcare remains your trusted healthcare partner for generations to come. We look forward to caring for you and our community with renewed strength and purpose. Together, we will secure a healthier future for central Maine.

On behalf of all of us at Central Maine Healthcare, we wish you good health.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO  
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