



*St. Joseph's Hospital
Breese, Illinois*

*St. Elizabeth's Hospital
Belleville, Illinois*

*St. Joseph's Hospital
Highland, Illinois*

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROVIDER DEVELOPMENT NAMED FOR HSHS DIVISION – SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

BELLEVILLE, IL – Amy Ballance has been appointed to the position of Executive Director for Provider Development for the HSHS Division responsible for Southern Illinois – which includes St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese and St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland. In this role she will be responsible for provider development activities, physician recruitment and provider relations in Southern Illinois and will report to Division President and CEO, Mark Reifsteck.

“Hospital Sisters Health System has been directing top strategic priorities toward Care Integration and Provider Development,” stated Reifsteck. “Given Amy Ballance’s experience in physician relations and practice management she is the right person to lead this strategy in Southern Illinois.”

Within the HSHS Division - Southern Illinois, there are over 50 providers employed by HSHS Medical Group and discussions continue with many more. At its most basic, the purpose of the Southern Division is to achieve the Mission of HSHS by

providing region leading, high-value health care for the individuals, families and communities served.

Ballance previously served as the Division Director of Operations for HSHS Division - Southern Illinois and as the Administrative Director, Ambulatory Clinic Services at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Illinois, where she administered all hospital-owned physician practices, including a 27-provider multi-specialty physicians' group. She also has served as Director, Medical Clinic Administration, at St. Elizabeth's, as Practice Plan Manager for the Saint Louis University Belleville Family Medicine Residency Program in Belleville, Illinois and as Practice Manager for BJC Medical group of St. Louis, Missouri. Amy holds a Master's Degree in Health Administration from Saint Louis University.

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Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois and Wisconsin. Hospital Sisters Health System provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

With over 14,000 staff, the HSHS hospitals in Wisconsin are located in Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire and Sheboygan, with two in Green Bay. In Illinois, the HSHS hospitals are located in Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator.

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