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**EDWARD SCHUESSLER, MD TO JOIN HSHS MEDICAL GROUP
AND DIRECT PERIOPERATIVE SERVICES
AT ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL IN BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS**

BELLEVILLE, IL – Edward Schuessler, MD, will join the HSHS Medical Group, Inc. and direct perioperative services at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Richard Rolston, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer of HSHS Medical Group, announced today.

Dr. Schuessler brings a quarter century of health care service and leadership to his new role, which will be to oversee anesthesiology and other related services at St. Elizabeth's, one of the largest hospitals in Southwestern Illinois.

"We are honored and very pleased that a physician of Dr. Schuessler's reputation and experience has decided to join the HSHS Medical Group and our growing health care family," said Rolston, a pediatrician who is overseeing the expansion of the Medical Group, which right now includes physicians in the central and southern regions of Illinois. "As the HSHS Medical Group grows, we

are looking to physicians of the caliber of Ed Schuessler to help us retain and attract top-flight healers who want to embrace our dedication to high quality, compassionate and efficient health care.”

“The Hospital Sisters Health System has an excellent reputation for providing high quality, compassionate care,” stated Dr. Schuessler. “I am excited to join the HSHS Medical Group as they continue to grow and honored they have placed their confidence in me to lead the program at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital.”

Most recently, Dr. Schuessler has served as the Medical Director in the Department of Anesthesiology at Audrain Medical Center in Mexico, Missouri, providing all types of anesthesia and acute and chronic pain services. Between 2004 and 2005, he served as Acting Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville, Kentucky, moving the department through a national accreditation process and reorganization. During the 1990s, Dr. Schuessler served as President and Managing Partner of Vigilance, P.C. of St. Louis, a private, 50-member anesthesiology group that practiced in Missouri and Southern Illinois.

Since 1997, Dr. Schuessler also has served as President of Professional Solutions Stat, of St. Louis, a billing and accounts receivable management service for anesthesia, pain and critical care services.

Formed earlier this year, the HSHS Medical Group, Inc. is a growing physician-led collaboration of medical practitioners that share a dedication to the highest quality health care services delivered in a compassionate, holistic and efficient manner. The group includes primary care, specialty and sub-specialty physicians across central and southern Illinois. The physicians of the Medical

Group are aligned with Hospital Sisters Health System, which sponsors 13 hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin and is a ministry of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis.

The Hospital Sisters of St. Francis founded St. Elizabeth's Hospital 134 years ago in a small schoolhouse in Belleville. Today, with more than 500 licensed beds and almost 1,800 employees and volunteers, St. Elizabeth's is one of the oldest and largest healthcare providers in the Southwestern Illinois, offering specialized services unique to the community.

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