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Catholic Medical Partners Announces New President & CEO

Local Physician Returns to Lead Area's Largest Network of Independent Physicians

BUFFALO, NY – Catholic Medical Partners (CMP), the area's largest network of independent physicians, is pleased to announce that Thomas P. Lawrence, MD, MBA, has been named President & CEO. A Western New York native, Dr. Lawrence will be returning to the area to lead the nearly 1,000 member, multi-specialty Independent Practice Association. Over the past decade, CMP, which includes Catholic Health and its member hospitals, has grown to become one of the country's leading authorities on population health management.

Dr. Lawrence comes to Catholic Medical Partners from Innovative Health Alliance of New York (IHANY), a Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) in Albany, New York, where he served as Chief Medical Officer. Prior to that, he was the President of Mount Carmel Medical Group, in Columbus, Ohio; Chief Medical Officer of St. Peter's Health Partners Medical Associates in Albany, New York; and Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Peninsula Regional Medical Group and Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs for Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland.

"Dr. Lawrence is a talented physician with a strong background in medical staff leadership, population health, clinical transformation, and value-based care," said CMP Board Chair Kristen Robillard, MD, who has also been serving as Interim President & CEO. "We're excited to welcome him to Catholic Medical Partners. His extensive experience and strategic approach to navigating the complexities of healthcare are perfectly aligned with our organization's goals and mission."

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Born and raised in Buffalo, Dr. Lawrence began his medical career in Western New York, holding several clinical and administrative positions, including serving as Vice President of Southern Tier Independent Physicians Association. He earned his Medical Degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine (Medical College Virginia), in Richmond, Virginia, and received his Masters of Business Administration degree from St. Bonaventure University. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he also completed his Family Medicine residency.

“Over the past two decades Catholic Health and CMP have partnered together to make healthcare more efficient, affordable and accessible, while leading the region in quality and safety,” said Mark Sullivan, President & CEO of Catholic Health. “I look forward to working with Dr. Lawrence and our physician partners as we continue to transform care throughout Western New York to improve the health of our patients and community.”

Dr. Lawrence will officially assume his role on February 18. “Catholic Medical Partners is an accomplished organization that strives to improve healthcare delivery by focusing on preventative care and refining the patient experience, while supporting physicians with the tools and resources to thrive as independent practitioners,” he said. “I look forward to working with our network of exceptional physicians to positively impact the delivery of high quality healthcare in my hometown.”

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About Catholic Medical Partners

A network comprised of nearly 1,000 physicians and Catholic Health, Catholic Medical Partners is the largest group of independent practicing physicians in Western New York. Through the development and implementation of clinical integration programs, the organization and its members are focused on improving the efficiency, safety and quality in delivering medical care based on coordination, an educated and involved patient population and the sharing of information and resources that will make a difference in patients' lives. For information, visit CatholicMedicalPartners.org.