

## PRESS RELEASE

### Contact Information:

Ridgeview Medical Center  
Ben Nielsen, Chief Operating Officer  
Ridgeview Medical Center  
952-777-5687  
[ben.nielsen@ridgeviewmedical.org](mailto:ben.nielsen@ridgeviewmedical.org)



PrairieCare Medical Group  
Todd Archbold, Vice President of Business Development  
PrairieCare Medical Group  
952-836-8480  
[tarchbold@prairie-care.com](mailto:tarchbold@prairie-care.com)



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Ridgeview and PrairieCare Medical Group enter agreement to jointly operate new integrated behavioral health service in Waconia**

**Waconia, MN – August 1, 2019:** Ridgeview Medical Center (Ridgeview) – an independent health care system of hospitals, clinics and specialty services – and PrairieCare Medical Group (PCMG), one of the region’s largest provider of inpatient and outpatient psychiatric care – announced today that they are partnering to offer new integrated behavioral health services in Waconia. The first partnership of its kind in Minnesota will have PCMG clinicians providing psychiatric services directly within Ridgeview’s Waconia campus through a joint operating agreement overseen by both Ridgeview and PCMG leaders.

According to Todd Archbold, Vice President of Business Development at PCMG, “This formal collaboration will break down barriers that can exist between specialties, and create new efficiencies to allow nearly 1,500 more individuals to receive much needed mental health care in the first year. We are integrating psychiatric services in the general medical care setting, and reducing fragmentation between specialties to improve outcomes for our shared patients.”

PrairieCare Medical Group at Ridgeview is expected to open by September 1, 2019 in the Ridgeview Professional Building, and will include free needs assessment, outpatient behavioral health evaluation, psychotherapy, psychiatry and intensive outpatient programming (IOP). Through the partnership, PCMG clinicians will also offer integrated behavioral health assessments and screening within Ridgeview’s expanded Norman and Ann Hoffman Emergency

Center (scheduled for completion in 2020), as well as rapid access to psychiatric consultation and new referral options.

“Ridgeview is very pleased to partner with PrairieCare to offer much-needed mental health services to the region,” said Ben Nielsen, Chief Operating Officer, Ridgeview Medical Center. “With significant residential growth in the greater southwest metro, there is an increased need to provide more access to comprehensive mental health services – locally – to meet the needs of the communities we serve.”

PrairieCare has provided outpatient services at Two Twelve Medical Center in Chaska, which is owned and operated by Ridgeview, since 2014.

### **About Ridgeview Medical Center**

Ridgeview Medical Center is an independent, nonprofit, regional health care system serving the southwest metro region of the Twin Cities. Its network includes three hospitals—located in Waconia, Arlington and Le Sueur—a multitude of primary and specialty care clinics, emergency services and specialty programs, a nursing home, independent living apartments and Two Twelve Medical Center in Chaska—a free-standing 24/7 emergency and urgent care facility with multispecialty clinics and services. For more information, visit [www.ridgeviewmedical.org](http://www.ridgeviewmedical.org) or [www.twotwelvemedical.org](http://www.twotwelvemedical.org).

### **About PrairieCare Medical Group**

PrairieCare Medical Group is an independent, physician-owned, psychiatric specialty group offering services throughout the Twin Cities metro. PCMG provides care within the PrairieCare inpatient hospital and partial hospital programs, as well as in freestanding outpatient settings including Chaska, Edina, Woodbury, Maplewood, Maple Grove, Brooklyn Park, Rochester and Mankato. PCMG also manages the nationally recognized Psychiatric Assistance Line (PAL). For more information, visit [www.prairie-care.com](http://www.prairie-care.com) or [www.mnpsychconsult.com](http://www.mnpsychconsult.com).

###