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**PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC. ENTERS INTO AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE LEHIGH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

**Lehigh Acres, Fla. (September 18, 2015)** – Lehigh Regional Medical Center announced today an agreement for the sale of substantially all of the assets of the 88-bed hospital and its related outpatient services to a subsidiary of Prime Healthcare Services, Inc. The transaction is expected to be complete in the fourth quarter this year.

The agreement includes a commitment from Prime to hire substantially all employees into their same positions and compensation, with seniority recognized. There will be no change or modification to the current staff privileges for physicians on the medical staff.

"Our hospital has a long-standing tradition of providing personalized care and quality healthcare services for patients," said Tom Marshall, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Lehigh Regional Medical Center. "All of our caregivers are committed to service for the individuals who come to us for care and our broader community. An affiliation with Prime Healthcare provides opportunities to build on our history of service and success."

The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals. Until the transaction is complete, current ownership will remain in place. Financial terms of the transaction have not been disclosed.

**Lehigh Regional Medical Center is an 88 bed acute care hospital, located at 1500 Lee Blvd., Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936**

**About Prime Healthcare Services**

*Prime Healthcare is an award-winning national hospital system with 34 acute-care hospitals providing more than 35,000 jobs in 11 states. Based in California and one of the largest hospital systems in the country, Prime Healthcare is committed to ensuring access to quality healthcare. It has been recognized as among the "100 Top Hospitals" in the nation 33 times and among the "15 Top Health Systems" three times, and is the only "10 Top Health System" west of the Mississippi. Our hospitals have been recognized by The Joint Commission among the "Top Performers on Key Quality Measures" in 2014. For more information, please visit [www.primehealthcare.com](http://www.primehealthcare.com).*