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Dear Singing River Health System Retiree,

Thanks in large part to the hard work of our leaders, physicians and both current and former employees, we have made incredible strides at Singing River over the past few years. **These efforts have placed us in a position to take an important step for the future.**

We are excited to share plans for Garden Park Medical Center to join the Singing River Health System family later this summer. We have signed an agreement for Singing River to acquire Garden Park from HCA Healthcare. Garden Park and Singing River already work together on a number of successful, local initiatives and we know each other well. We are likeminded in our commitment to excellence, in our cultures, and in our dedication and vision for improving healthcare along the coast. Acquiring Garden Park will protect our market share and help maintain current and long-term financial stability.

What This Means to You

Importantly, these actions help to ensure we are able to continue the pension funding commitment. This is the right thing to do, and we will do everything we can going forward to honor this commitment. In fact, these strategic decisions help to position us for better financial stability to help stay viable as an entity for the long term.

We appreciate your continued support of Singing River. While the future is tenuous for many health care organizations, it can be bright for Singing River and our communities with Garden Park to help us be even better and stronger together. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or thoughts to share.

Sincerely,



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