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Abington Health Announces its Acquisition of the North Penn Visiting Nurse Association

ABINGTON, PA (April 1, 2013) - After a period of due diligence, officials at Abington Health are pleased to announce that the acquisition of the North Penn Visiting Nurse Association (NPVNA) has been finalized, effective April 1, 2013.

"The leaders and staff of the NPVNA have created a wonderful organization dedicated to serving the home health and community health needs of the greater North Penn region," says Laurence M. Merlis, Abington Health's president and chief executive officer. "By bringing the NPVNA to Abington Health, it allows us to expand our home health services geographically and enhances our ability to provide the full continuum of care across the region."

The NPVNA's 100 professional staff members have joined Abington Health Home Care and Hospice, which employs 200 professionals who provide home care and hospice to residents in parts of Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

"This is an exciting time for all of us in Home Care as we expect to serve many more members of our community next year," said Elissa Della Monica, executive director of Home Care and Hospice at Abington Health. "It is a privilege to serve people in their homes when they need us most."

Along with staff members, the NPVNA services transitioning to Abington Health include a Chronic Care Management Program, Meals on Wheels, clinics for children and dental services, and health education classes, support groups, health screenings and CPR training. These services will continue to be provided at the Medical Campus Drive facility on the Lansdale Hospital campus. Adult day services are provided at three locations in the community. At the present time, patients and physicians can continue to access all services using the current phone numbers; the main phone number is 215-885-8296.

About Abington Health
Abington Health is the parent organization that encompasses its flagship hospital, Abington Memorial Hospital, in Abington and Lansdale Hospital in Hatfield Township. Abington Health also includes two convenient outpatient facilities, Abington Health Center – Schilling Campus in Willow Grove and Abington Health Center – Warminster Campus in Bucks County. Together, these facilities serve more than 42,200 inpatients, 131,000 emergency patients and over 560,000 outpatient visits annually.

Over 1,400 physicians are on staff at both Abington Memorial Hospital and Lansdale Hospital. Additionally, Abington Health Physicians is an employed network of specialists and primary care physicians. Abington Health employs more than 6,000 employees, making it one of the largest employers in Montgomery County.

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