

**HSHS MEDICAL GROUP AND ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL TO OPEN
ST. JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER AT NORTH DIRKSEN PARKWAY**

SPRINGFIELD – A new St. John's Health Center at North Dirksen Parkway will open on Monday, August 30 and feature a Priority Care walk-in clinic from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day. Dr. Dennis Adams, Dr. Gerard Bitar, and Colleen Kelly, PA, will also see patients by appointment.

An Open House will be held at the facility on Sunday, August, 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Health Center at North Dirksen Parkway is located at 2329 N. Dirksen Parkway on Springfield's north end. The facility will serve as the third Priority Care location in Sangamon County and the latest in a series of regional satellite medical facilities designed to extend the high quality health care St. John's Hospital and HSHS Medical Group provides to residents throughout central Illinois. Other satellite locations in the Springfield area include the Priority Care along MacArthur Blvd., and Health Centers at Prairie Crossing and along Route 29 in Rochester. Two additional Health Centers off of South 6th Street near the I-55/I-72 interchange, and along Route 4 near the I-72 interchange, are scheduled to open in early 2011.

"We continue to work closely with physicians in our community to expand access to health care services with modern, convenient facilities located throughout Springfield and the surrounding communities, said Bob Ritz, President and CEO of St. John's Hospital.

"The North Dirksen health center is yet another component of our Care Integration strategy to provide enhanced health care services in the communities we serve," added Richard Rolston, MD, CEO of the HSHS Medical Group.

About HSHS Medical Group

HSHS Medical Group is a network of primary care and specialty care physicians, physician groups, nurses and medical professionals closely aligned with Hospital Sisters Health System in communities throughout Central and Southern Illinois and Northeastern and Northwestern Wisconsin. Launched in 2008, the HSHS Medical Group is a key component of the HSHS Care Integration strategy, which is designed to enhance quality health care by placing every patient at the center of a seamless, highly-efficient and compassionate network of services. For more information about HSHS Medical Group, visit www.hshsmedicalgroup.org.