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## ARCH HEALTH AND GRAYBILL MEDICAL GROUPS ANNOUNCE AFFILIATION

Two of San Diego County North Inland's largest medical groups, Graybill and Arch Health, have joined forces to create the largest health network in the region, Palomar Health Medical Group.

The affiliation is effective on December 1, 2020, and will expand access and improve the coordination of patient care. Patients will now have access to a broader network of providers who will be able to collaborate on the best care plan, while being able to continue seeing their same physicians in the same offices.

"We are excited about the opportunity to bring an expanded network of high-quality providers to our community," said Arch Health Medical Group Chairman of the Board Harvey Hershkowitz. "This closer coordination of care will improve the health of our community."

"Patients will immediately reap the benefits of having more physicians to choose from in their network and a smoother referral process to specialists," said Graybill Medical Group CEO Floyd Farley. "This partnership will only improve the quality of care provided in our region."

"This expansion of primary care will enhance our ability as a health system to provide seamless, coordinated care across the continuum," said Palomar Health President and CEO Diane Hansen. "This positions us well to meet the challenges of healthcare delivery."

Palomar Health Medical Group will have 20 locations throughout North San Diego County, Murrieta and Temecula, employ 170 multi-specialty physicians and 600 support staff and serve more than 150,000 patients. Graybill Medical Group will continue to operate its two offices in Vista and Oceanside independently outside of the Palomar Health Medical group network.

To reduce confusion, Palomar Health Medical Group will not show up as an option during open enrollment and patients should select either Arch Health or Graybill as their medical group. Patients will be notified of the transition in the coming weeks. Copays, deductibles and insurance premiums will not be affected by the merger although it has the potential to reduce the cost of care in the long-term.

## **About Palomar Health**

Established in 1948, the award-winning team at Palomar Health provides the most comprehensive health care in North San Diego County through its two medical centers and more than 900 affiliated medical providers serving more than half a million people. Palomar Health is San Diego County's only member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network and is nationally recognized as operating one of America's 250 Best Hospitals; a Best 100 Hospital for joint replacement and orthopedic surgery; a Best Hospital for stroke care, heart care and bariatric surgery; a Diabetes and Stroke Center of Excellence; and a Blue Distinction Center for spine surgery, cardiac care and maternity. Through its network of providers, Palomar Health offers medical services in virtually all fields of medicine including primary care, cardiovascular care, emergency services, trauma, cancer, orthopedics, women's health, behavioral health, rehabilitation, robotic surgery and bariatric surgery at offices strategically located throughout the North San Diego County region. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.PalomarHealth.org">www.PalomarHealth.org</a>. You can also follow us on <a href="mailto:Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="#Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="mailto:Instagram">Instagram</a>.

## **About Arch Health Medical Group**

Arch Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty, not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to enhancing the health of people in our communities. Based in San Diego County, California, with more than 90 providers and 300 employees serving nearly 80,000 patients in Poway, Rancho Penasquitos, Escondido, Ramona, and Valley Center. Convenient locations offer outpatient services in primary and specialty care. Primary Care: Family and Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Urgent Care. Specialty Care: Endocrinology, ENT/Audiology, Bariatric Surgery, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Heart and Vascular, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology/Optometry, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, Skilled Nursing and Sleep Medicine and other diagnostic imaging services. Our partnership with Palomar Health allows us to provide inpatient and lab services and physical therapy. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.ArchHealth.org">www.ArchHealth.org</a>. You can also follow us on <a href="https://www.archhealth.org">Twitter, Facebook</a> and <a href="https://www.ArchHealth.org">Instagram</a>.

## **About Graybill Medical Group**

In the eighty-eight years since it was established in 1932 by Dr. Martin Graybill, Graybill Medical Group has grown to become one of the region's premier medical groups with broad based primary care services and many specialty services. Today more than 80 physicians and advanced practitioners, with offices in North San Diego and South Riverside Counties, offer a wide range of services to area families, including Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Hospitalist, Urgent Care, Radiology, Cardiology, Ear Nose & Throat, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Sports Medicine, Urology, Medical Aesthetics and Bariatric Surgery. For more information visit <a href="https://www.graybill.org">www.graybill.org</a>