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Photo: Alexys Allen, MD

INDEPENDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM CONTINUES TO GROW IN PRIMARY CARE AND WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

Butler, PA January 4, 2024... Independence Health System is pleased to welcome Alexys Allen, MD, to both Primary Care and Women's Care Associates of Butler.

Dr. Allen received her medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine and completed a three-year residency in family medicine at Forbes Hospital-Allegheny Health Network. Her interest in women's health led her to the University of Utah Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, where she completed a 1-year family medicine obstetrics fellowship. Dr. Allen is board-certified in family medicine, with a particular interest in obstetrical care. Dr. Allen's dual background in family medicine and obstetrics allows her to provide comprehensive services to a mother and baby through prenatal development until well after delivery. "I wanted to work in an environment where I would have the opportunity to care for people on an individual level; that's why I chose Independence Health System," said Alexys Allen, MD. "I am delighted to work in a place that fosters my desire to care for the entire family through all stages of life, including infancy, childhood, youth, pregnancy, adulthood, geriatrics, and end-of-life care."

Dr. Allen is accepting new patients at Butler Family Medicine, 116 Woody Drive, Butler, where she will provide a broad range of comprehensive primary healthcare services to patients from infancy into adulthood. Services include preventative medicine and diagnosing and treating a broad range of common illnesses, injuries, and other medical conditions. To schedule an appointment, call 833-604-7215.

Dr. Allen is also accepting new patients at Women's Care Associates, located at 129 Oneida Valley Road, Butler. Women's Care Associates provides comprehensive services to all stages of a woman's life, from pre-pregnancy through postmenopausal years. To make an appointment with Women's Care Associates, call 844-765-2845. To learn more about the services at Independence Health System, visit www.independence.health.

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Nationally recognized for quality care, Independence Health System comprises Butler Memorial, Clarion, Frick, Latrobe and Westmoreland Hospitals with a combined bed count of 925. With more than 1,000 physicians and advanced practice providers and 7,300 employees, the System is now the third largest in western Pennsylvania serving a population base of 750,000 in a footprint spanning more than 10 counties.

The System includes tertiary programs that are rated among America's best for cardiac care and surgery by Healthgrades in its Top 100 and Top 50 designations, and one of only five in Pennsylvania to achieve a five-star rating in cardiac surgery. In similar fashion, the prestigious Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) bestowed its top three-star rating. Historically, less than 10 percent of programs within the STS data base achieve this elite standing. The hospitals of Independence Health System also have earned a host of accolades from such prestigious outlets and sources as US News and World Report, Newsweek Magazine, the American College of Radiology, the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Surgeons, the Joint Commission, Leapfrog and the American Heart/Stroke Association. Locally owned and locally controlled, Independence Health System offers its patients low-cost, highquality care across the care spectrum in such specialties as cardiology, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, orthopedics and sports medicine, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, women's health and obstetrics, emergency medicine, behavioral health and primary care. Its network of outpatient centers sees more than 1.2 million visits annually. The homecare division further supports patients at all stages of life with home health and hospice services.

Independence Health System continues to change the healthcare landscape in western Pennsylvania by meeting patient needs through superb physician expertise, outstanding nursing, the latest in technology and programmatic depth.