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Rep. Emerson Statement on Closing of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, and Prevea Health

MADISON - Today, the Hospital Sisters Health System announced the closure of several medical centers in Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley region. These closures are a result of financial and operational challenges, and are expected to be completed by April 21, 2024.

Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire) released the following statement in response:

"I am saddened to hear of the closing of Sacred Heart Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital. These facilities have long been pillars of the Chippewa Valley, and their absence will be felt throughout our entire community.

This is a devastating loss for patients, providers and workers, and the region as a whole. My office will work with the Department of Workforce Development to make sure the displaced workers will have all the resources they need as they navigate the coming months.

I know our state agencies, such as the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department of Health Services, will be working together to ensure that those who have relied on HSHS and Prevea for their healthcare will not be left without options.

With these changes to health services in Western Wisconsin, the Chippewa Valley is fortunate to have multiple medical centers that will continue to support our community, and I have faith that the patients of HSHS will be taken care of."

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