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Mark Sullivan Named to American Hospital Association Post

Mark Sullivan, President & CEO of Catholic Health has been named to the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Health Care Systems Council. Sullivan joins other prominent leaders on the 25-member council who represent some of the country's premier health systems, including Cleveland Clinic, Vanderbilt University and New York-Presbyterian.

The Section for Health Care Systems Council represents the AHA's health system members, which comprise approximately 65 percent of AHA hospitals. The Council actively advises the AHA on health system strategies by participating in advocacy, policy, and resource development.

Sullivan was named President & CEO of Catholic Health in 2018 following a 24-year administrative career with the Buffalo-based health system.

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About the AHA

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is the national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities. Nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 43,000 individual members come together to form the AHA. Through our representation and advocacy activities, AHA ensures that members' perspectives and needs are heard and addressed in national health policy development, legislative and regulatory debates, and judicial matters. Our advocacy efforts include the legislative and executive branches and include the legislative and regulatory arenas. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit www.aha.org.

About Catholic Health

Catholic Health is one of the largest providers of healthcare in Western New York. Founded in Buffalo, NY, in 1998, it is the regional leader in quality and patient safety. Its continuum of care includes four hospitals on five campuses; four long term care facilities; three home care agencies; and dozens of diagnostic, treatment, rehabilitation and specialty centers located throughout Erie and Niagara counties. Catholic Health is one of area's largest employers, contributing nearly \$2 billion in economic benefit for the community at large and \$126 million in community benefit and charity care to serve vulnerable populations. Its more than 9,000 associates and 1,500 physicians are part of healing ministry dating back more than 170 years, including Buffalo's first hospital. Among its many services, Catholic Health is known for excellence in cardiovascular care, stroke care, women's services, orthopedics, neuroservices, and rehabilitation, including Neonatal Intensive Care Services, a regional Heart Center and Western New York's only Joint Commission Comprehensive Stroke Center.