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Dear Community Members,

We are writing to share an important update about the future of healthcare services in our community.

After careful consideration and planning, Boulder City Hospital will be transitioning to a **Rural Emergency Hospital (REH)** effective May 1, 2026. This change is designed to ensure that essential healthcare services remain available and sustainable for our community for years to come.

What is a Rural Emergency Hospital?

A Rural Emergency Hospital is a federally recognized designation that allows hospitals in rural areas to focus on providing:

- 24/7 emergency department services
- Observation care
- Outpatient services

This model does not include inpatient hospital beds, but it prioritizes rapid emergency care, stabilization, and seamless transfer to partner hospitals when inpatient admission is needed.

What this means for our community

- Emergency services will remain available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- You will continue to receive timely emergency and outpatient care close to home
- When higher levels of care are required, we will coordinate safe and efficient transfers to nearby hospitals
- This transition helps strengthen the long-term financial stability of local healthcare services

What is changing

- Inpatient admissions will no longer be provided at Boulder City Hospital
- Some services may be adjusted to align with the REH model

We understand that change can raise questions and concerns. Please know that this decision was made with the health, safety, and future of our community in mind. Our commitment to providing compassionate, quality care close to home remains unchanged.

We will continue to share updates and opportunities for community engagement as we move forward. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit bchcares.org.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,
Thomas Maher
Chief Executive Officer
Boulder City Hospital