



# Northwest Georgia *Hospital Coalition, Inc.*

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## **Greenlight for New Replacement Hospital: CON Appeal Dropped by Out-of-State Hospital**

Fort Oglethorpe, GA – On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, two months after the unanimous adoption of a rule change by the State of Georgia Department of Community Health Board, preventing out-of-state entities from stalling state-approved healthcare projects, Parkridge Health System officially rescinded its appeal. Following months of delay, CHI Memorial will now be able to proceed with plans to build a new replacement hospital to serve residents of Northwest Georgia.

The Northwest Georgia Hospital Coalition is a nonprofit community led organization formed by Catoosa, Dade and Walker County residents and supported by our locally elected officials. Our sole mission is to support and improve access to care for our citizens. We are a growing region and believe that with the advancements in medicine we require and deserve a new modern hospital to serve our families.

“Our focus has always been and remains to be, improving access to care. With all the challenges our health systems as a whole face, we are thankful Parkridge has dropped its appeal. Our region and state have experienced tremendous growth, and that growth in many areas has outpaced the investment in our healthcare services. CHI’s investment of over \$100 million to build a new replacement hospital will afford our citizens access to modern care,” said Hospital Coalition Chairman Jonathan Connell

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