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MDSave and HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese and Highland and HSHS Holy Family Greenville Partner to Help Patients Save Money and Access Needed Care

Online Health Care Marketplace Offers Patients Transparent Pricing and up to 60 Percent Savings on Medical Care

Breese, Greenville, Highland, IL – MDSave and HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese and Highland and HSHS Holy Family Greenville are working together to help local residents without insurance save money and get more of the medical care they need. Through the MDSave marketplace, patients at these hospitals will have access to a wide variety of medical procedures at upfront prices up to 60 percent off the average market cost, as well as simplified billing and educational resources.

According to a 2018 report from the National Center for Health Statistics, 28.5 million Americans had no insurance coverage at all in 2017, according to a population report from the U.S. Census Bureau. Health care expenses often prevent many individuals and families from getting medical care they need, especially preventive procedures that could help stave off future health issues. MDSave and St. Joseph's Hospital Breese and Highland and Holy Family are working to create better options for these patients.

"In today's marketplace, health care can be confusing and expensive, especially for consumers who are uninsured," said John Jeffries, St. Joseph's Hospital Breese director of finance "This service can help these patients, who are not enrolled in an employer or government-sponsored health insurance plan, with access to the same quality health care they have come to expect at our hospital, at lower cost."

MDSave.com empowers patients to take more control over their health care decisions by offering transparent pricing and educational resources on diseases and treatments. Patients can geographically search by procedure, provider, specialty, or ailment, and compare local pricing. The process is upfront and easy. Just choose the best option, add to your cart, and check out online - the price posted is what you pay.

"Working with HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese and Highland and HSHS Holy Family Greenville, we are taking an important step toward making health care more accessible and affordable," says Paul Ketchel, MDSave co-founder and CEO. "We know that the cost of preventive treatments is often a factor in consumers neglecting to have them. We hope that our strategic alliance will increase access to quality medical care and, as a result, help save lives."

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To make health care more accessible for consumers with high-deductible health plans, St. Joseph's Hospital Breese and Highland and Holy Family also offer financial assistance. For more information, visit either stjoebreese.com, hshsholyfamily.org or stjosephshighland.org.

To find out more about the procedures available through MDsave, visit mdsave.com/hshs. HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese, HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville and HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland are part of the Southern Illinois Division of Hospital Sisters Health System, which also include HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon and HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham.

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About MDsave

Co-located in Brentwood, Tenn. and San Francisco, Calif., MDsave is the world's first online healthcare marketplace, bringing together patients seeking affordable, reliable care with providers offering high-quality services at fair prices. Using cutting-edge technology, MDsave simplifies the healthcare billing process for patients and providers alike through negotiated rates, bundled pricing, and up-front payment. The MDsave marketplace also helps employers and payers offer more value to employees and policy holders with out-of-pocket deductible costs. For more information, visit <https://www.mdsave.com/>

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville, and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and Hospital Sisters of St. Francis is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit www.hospitalsisters.org.