



SUMMARY

ESTES PARK HEALTH – UCHEALTH AGREEMENTS

- Goal: Following the authorization by Park Hospital District voters in 2023 to have Estes Park Health (EPH) join a nonprofit health care system, the Park Hospital District Board and EPH CEO Vern Carda contacted UCHealth to begin negotiations. Those negotiations have now concluded. The Definitive Agreements define the process that both EPH and UCHealth believe will best preserve health care operations and the historic role of EPH in its community, while also allowing EPH to benefit from joining the UCHealth integrated health system.
- Transaction:
 - A new nonprofit affiliate of UCHealth will be created with a name change to UCHealth Estes Valley Medical Center (EVMC) to reflect the care we provide throughout the entire valley.
 - The District will retain ownership of the land and buildings of Estes Park Health and lease them to UCHealth EVMC.
 - The other District assets and operations will be transferred to UCHealth EVMC.
 - Pending approvals and regulatory reviews, the effective date for the new partnership is expected in late summer or fall, 2025.
- Long-term Partnership: The initial term of the Operating Lease will be 50 years, and the lease will automatically renew for additional 10-year terms.
- Hospital Board: A new, nonprofit hospital board will oversee the Hospital and will have a maximum of seven members: two nominated by the District, two appointed by UCHealth, and the remainder composed of community members.
- District Debt: UCHealth will assume the Park Hospital District's existing debt, which is currently approximately \$10 million.
- Taxes: Proceeds from the District's taxes will continue to be used to support Hospital and/or ambulance operations and patient care in the Park Hospital District consistent with historical practice and as authorized by Ballot Issue 8A, which passed with 80.3% support by district voters on May 3, 2023.
- EPH Employees: UCHealth intends to offer employment to all Hospital employees, with total compensation substantially comparable to current amounts, subject to standard pre-employment screening.

- Post-closing Commitments: UCHealth will make certain ongoing commitments related to the Hospital's operations and facilities, including:
 - Not less than \$20 million for strategic and routine capital over 10 years;
 - Evaluation of the potential for new services, subject to financial feasibility and community need, in behavioral health, telehealth, and pain management;
 - Maintaining the "Critical Access Hospital" status of the Hospital under the Medicare program or other similar status that meets community health care needs;
 - Continuing the operation of ambulance services in Estes Park, directly or through a vendor relationship;
 - Making available to the District annually a summary of UCHealth's use of its assigned District's tax revenues for the benefit of the Hospital.
- Name: The Hospital's name will change to UCHealth Estes Valley Medical Center.

To review the complete definitive agreements, please visit <https://eph.org/about-us/uchealth-partnership/definitive-agreements/>