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Partnership HealthPlan of California Commits to Continued Care Access Following News of Glenn Medical Center Closure

FAIRFIELD – Following the announcement that Glenn Medical Center in Willows will close this fall, Partnership HealthPlan of California has reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring members maintain access to hospital-based coverage.

The closure was announced after the federal government revoked Glenn Medical Center's designation as a "critical access hospital," resulting in a significant reduction in critical funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

"Glenn Medical Center's leadership has done an excellent job under difficult circumstances, and we know this decision was beyond their control" said Sonja Bjork, CEO of Partnership. "While this hospital closure devastates the community, Partnership remains committed to ensuring our members in Glenn County have access to timely medical care. Our members in the area will soon be receiving information about provider and emergency care options."

Although Glenn Medical Center's emergency department and hospital services will close, Partnership is working closely with hospital leadership to determine whether primary care and specialty clinic services, all of which participate in the Medi-Cal program, will remain available to Partnership members.

"This closure should serve as an urgent warning about the financial crisis facing rural hospitals across the nation," Bjork said. "Recent budget cuts to Medicaid at state and federal levels threaten to leave heartland communities without nearby access to critical health care services. We need additional funding for rural hospitals now, before more closures follow."

About Partnership HealthPlan of California: Partnership is a community-based, not-for-profit health plan that administers Medi-Cal benefits for 900,000 members across 24 Northern California counties, including 13,657 members in Glenn County. Learn more at PartnershipHP.org.