



Unity Physician Partners, Inc.



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**Unity Physician Partners Expands Medical Home Concept into Cumberland Plateau Region**

*Emerging medical/behavioral health practice expands its footprint to Cookeville, TN with acquisition of Perimeter Medical Care.*

FRANKLIN, TN – Unity Physician Partners, Inc. has expanded into the upper Cumberland Plateau region of Tennessee through the acquisition of Perimeter Medical Care, of Cookeville. The practice, led by Dr. Gamal Eskander, MD, will continue the fully-integrated care model for medical services as has been its history. A 30-year veteran of primary care, Eskander's Perimeter Medical Care is a progressive health care practice that incorporates physician and mid-level providers for greater access to care and better outcomes.

Dr. Eskander is passionate about helping patients manage their risk factors in a currently unhealthy environment. "Educated patients know how to arm themselves with strategies that reduce their risk. It's their best offense against a disease that capitalizes on a patient's complacency and idleness."

The model aligns strategically with Unity's mission to not only fill the gap of those underserved medically, but encompasses defined models of care for behavioral health and diabetes, as well. This new model has gained growing and widespread acceptance from almost every insurance carrier in the State, as it has demonstrable results for improved outcomes and significantly reduced costs to patients and e

"We are quite proud to align with Dr. Eskander and expand into the Upper Plateau region with our innovative model of care," says Michael Bailey, CEO and co-founder of Unity Physician Partners. "Our plans are to exceed the expectations of those needing greater access to high quality care in the region."

Unity's footprint has recently expanded from its three-clinic base in Nashville to other parts of Tennessee as well as outside the state of Tennessee. Expansion is underway with details forthcoming. As a joint partner in the Nashville area with Centerstone Behavioral Health of Tennessee, Unity offers services in conjunction with Centerstone's existing clinic footprint and beyond.



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**About Unity Physician Partners (UPP):**

Unity Physician Partners offers medical care and ancillary services in a medical home environment to the insured, uninsured, and those underserved through traditional healthcare models. UPP's network of Unity Medical Clinics provides behavioral and physical health services in an integrated model of care, greatly improving outcomes and controlling costs for patients with health conditions such as depression, diabetes, heart disease, and other chronic health issues. Steeped in innovative healthcare cost-containment models, Unity's founders have led healthcare change at Windsor Health Plan, HealthSpring, and Surgical Care Affiliates.