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**Coastal Family Health Center, Inc. and Greene Area Medical Extenders, Inc. to Merge on
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(BILOXI, MS) – Coastal Family Health Center, Inc. and Greene Area Medical Extenders, Inc. board members and leadership are pleased to announce the intended merger of their respective community health centers to form an overall network of 21 primary care clinics and pharmacy locations throughout Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Greene, and Wayne counties of South Mississippi.

“After months of planning and execution, we are thrilled with this opportunity to join forces with Greene Area Medical Extenders and add two community clinics and five school-based clinics to our network,” said Angel Greer, CEO of Coastal Family Health Center, Inc. “Both organizations have a long and rich history of striving to improve the quality of life for those we serve. Greene Area Medical Extenders’ patients can be assured of Coastal’s commitment to continue to provide them with access to the same quality health care they have grown accustomed to over the years.”

Greene Area Medical Extenders is a Federally Qualified Health Center with two clinic locations in the communities of Leakesville and State Line, plus five school-based clinics at Greene County High School, Leakesville Junior High School, Leakesville Elementary School, Sand Hill School, and McLain Attendance Center. Coastal and Greene Area have been fortunate to have a long-

standing relationship throughout the past 17 years. Since May 2000, Coastal Family Health Center has provided direct management and operational support to Greene Area Medical Extenders through a Management Services Agreement.

Once the merger is completed, the Greene Area Medical Extenders locations will operate under the corporate name of Coastal Family Health Center. Patients can continue to expect the same high quality services offered by the same highly professional staff currently in place. Greene Area Medical Extenders Board Chair, Donald Walley, has served on the board for more than 10 years and believes the merger will serve to strengthen and expand the services patients are accustomed to, "As the only source of comprehensive care offering medical, dental, optometry, and school-based primary health care, we serve nearly 4,000 patients each year. On behalf of the Board, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to our patients, staff, and community for their support over the past 38 years. This merge will complete the goal the Board first set in motion 17 years ago. We've had great success with Coastal and I feel confident that they will continue to strive for excellence."

As the organizations work to integrate their locations and services, Kwantrell Green, Coastal Board Chair, would like to see the merger completed by the end of 2016. "Throughout this upcoming integration period, Coastal is dedicated to merging the two organizations with minimal disruptions to patient care. As a Board, we strongly believe that leveraging the strengths of both organizations will allow Coastal to improve and align processes in the delivery of quality patient care. We have a very exciting road ahead of us at Coastal," said Green.

For over 38 years, Coastal Family Health Center, as a Federally Qualified Health Center, has been providing personalized, affordable, high-quality medical, dental, vision, and mental health care at its 14 delivery sites to more than 29,000 patients throughout the lower three counties of Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson, Mississippi. For more information please visit www.coastalfamilyhealth.org.