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# Shanna Pryor Appointed Chief Nursing Officer

Helena, Arkansas, December 23, 2009 – Shanna Pryor has been appointed to Chief Nursing Officer at Helena Regional Medical Center. Pryor is from Helena and has been with the hospital since 2001. She is currently in charge of the Emergency Department.

“I am pleased that Shanna has accepted the position” said Bettye Hendrix, Chairperson of the Board. “The emergency room has consistently been one of the best managed units in the hospital.”

As Chief Nursing Officer, Pryor will be in charge of all the nursing units at the hospital. These include the medical/surgical and rehabilitation areas, intensive care unit, operating rooms and outpatient surgery, women’s and children’s unit and the emergency department.

Pryor will start her new post on January 18, 2010. “I am excited about this opportunity. I know several good candidates were interviewed and I look forward to working alongside my colleagues in this new leadership role” said Pryor.

“I have known and worked with Shanna for a number of years and I know she will do a great job” said Chief of Staff, Dr. Jim Pillow.

“We welcome Shanna to her new role,” said Jim Sato, chief executive officer. “And we look forward to her leadership and ongoing commitment to making Helena Regional a great place for patients to receive care.”

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