

Gary E. Kaatz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Rockford Health System

Mr. Kaatz joined Rockford Health System as President and Chief Executive Officer on March 6, 2000. Rockford Health System is a vertically integrated tertiary care center located in Rockford, Illinois, with assets of \$450 million and annual net patient revenue of \$325 million and is the largest healthcare system in Northern Illinois outside the Chicago metropolitan area, including Level I Trauma and Level III Perinatal Centers.

Previously, he was CEO of Forum Health, a three hospital vertically integrated health care system based in Youngtown, Ohio, and also served as its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for three years.

Prior to joining Forum Health, Mr. Kaatz, over a span of 18 years, served in a variety of capacities at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, serving lastly as the Associate Vice President for Medical Sciences and Services. In that capacity he was responsible for the development and implementation of all new medical and clinical service lines.

Mr. Kaatz earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Business Degree from the Graduate School of Business of the University of Chicago.

Mr. Kaatz currently serves on the boards of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council, Easter Seals, Rockford Health Council, Metropolitan Care Health Council (MCHC), and American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board. He is Past Chair of the Illinois Hospital Association Board of Directors.