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Photo: Dr. Randi Turkewitz, Excela Health obstetrician

Excela Health's Maternity Center Ranked Among Nation's Best

GREENSBURG, PA, July 23, 2020 ... The Family Additions Maternity Center at Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital is listed among the nation's best, and one of only two in southwestern Pennsylvania featured in the Best Maternity Hospitals 2020 edition of *Newsweek*, which publishes the honor roll annually during July.

Excela Health is one of 231 hospitals across 36 states in this list which is compiled by the news magazine in partnership with The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization that reports on the safety and quality performance of U.S. healthcare facilities. To be considered for the list, hospitals had to demonstrate adherence to a variety of standards for excellence in maternity care and follow important protocols to protect mothers and babies.

Though these are standards aligned with medical research and best practices, not all hospitals achieve them. *Newsweek's* Best Maternity Care Hospitals are an elite group of hospitals demonstrating the highest performance in the United States.

"This recognition further validates the quality of care delivered by all of our physicians, nurses and support staff on behalf of the maternal-child experience at

Excelsa Health,” said Excelsa Health obstetrician Randi Turkewitz, MD, FACOG, speaking on behalf of her colleagues within the OB-GYN practice, “I am so proud of our department for always looking for ways to improve outcomes and reach meaningful quality metrics that improve the lives of our patients.”

Annually, Excelsa Health’s Family Additions Maternity Center welcomes 1,250 newborns. The Center comprises 10 private labor-delivery-recovery (LDR) suites as well as a Special Care Level II Intensive Care Nursery. The Center is also recognized within the state of Pennsylvania among another select group of birthing centers for achieving other quality metrics related to newborn inoculation and breastfeeding, which add to the overall health and wellness of mothers and their offspring.

“This latest acknowledgement is another reflection of the quality of care available in Westmoreland County from Excelsa Health,” noted John Sphon, Excelsa Health Chief Executive Officer. “Expectant mothers and their families can be assured that they are in expert hands throughout their pregnancy and beyond, as our clinicians provide the most up-to-date evidence-based care.”

The complete list as well as the criteria for inclusion is available at <https://www.newsweek.com/best-maternity-care-hospitals-2020>.

To learn more about Excelsa Health’s Family Additions Maternity Center, visit excelsahealth.org and search maternity

About Excelsa Health:

Excelsa Health, a 578-bed, tertiary-based health System in Westmoreland County, PA, includes three hospitals – Excelsa Westmoreland Hospital, Excelsa Latrobe Hospital and Excelsa Frick Hospital – and serves more than 23,000 inpatients, 700,000 outpatients and 100,000 emergency visits annually. With more than 700 physicians and allied health professionals and 4,800 employees, Excelsa is a regional leader in clinical areas such as Cardiovascular Disease, Orthopedics and Emergency Medicine.

The System has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report and achieved Magnet Recognition®, the highest honor for nursing professionalism and superior patient care given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. To learn more, visit www.excelsahealth.org.

