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Oneida Health Relocates Services of Maternal Health Center

Oneida, NY – On Thursday, Oneida Health announced it will be closing its downtown Maternal Health Center clinic, a Medicaid Assisted Pregnancy Program, and moving those services to its Women’s Health practice located on Oneida Health’s main campus in Oneida. The timing of the decision was the result of a recent office expansion of Women’s Health in the fall of 2020 as well as recent changes in provider staffing at the clinic.

“Moving our OB Medicaid services to our Women’s Health practice will permit us to continue to provide exceptional obstetrical care and now also provide GYN care which was not provided in the current clinic setting,” said Gene Morreale, President and CEO of Oneida Health. “With the relocation, patients will benefit from on-site ultrasound, adjacent laboratory services, and will have a regular Obstetrician rather than the physician group providers rotating through the clinic which has been the case. Post-delivery, patients will also receive their GYN services and annual visits at Women’s Health. This experience will help ensure a better continuity of care and we believe, a patient experience second to none.” Previously, patients of the Maternal Health Center would often be required to travel to different offices to receive ancillary services not available in the clinic.

The Maternal Health Center was opened by Oneida Health as a Medicaid and Prenatal Care Assistance Program (PCAP) in 1994. Originally located in the Northside Shopping Center, it moved to its current Broad Street location in 2015. Women’s Health expanded its offices in to two locations on Oneida Health’s campus in the fall of 2020. Oneida Health plans on opening a new, modern Women’s Health building in Oneida in the spring of 2022.

“Patients of our Maternal Health Center have had the fortune of receiving their care from an exceptionally talented and dedicated group of Nurse Practitioners over the course of 30-years,” said Morreale. “We would like to thank Patricia Jones, NP, Patricia Gorman, NP and the many staff who have worked the center for their years of service to this clinic and the population it served. They have made a tremendous difference in the lives of many families throughout our communities.”

Oneida Health will provide over 600 Obstetrical deliveries this year at the hospital’s Lullaby Center, which was recently designated a Blue Distinction® Centers+ (BDC+) for Maternity Care by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for providing the highest quality of maternity care. For more

information or to become a patient of Women's Health, please visit oneidahealth.org or call 315-363-9380.

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About Oneida Health

Oneida Health serves an area comprised of approximately 29 communities in Madison and western Oneida counties with a population of approximately 100,000. Operated by Oneida Health Systems, Inc, a New York State not-for-profit corporation, the organization includes a 101-bed acute care hospital, emergency department, state of the art surgery center, 160-bed extended-care and short-term rehab facility, primary care offices, internal medicine, comprehensive lab services, home medical equipment, comprehensive imaging services, outpatient therapy, and care specialties in: oncology, cardiology, neurology, podiatry, vascular, sleep, OB/GYN, orthopedics, wound care, GI, pulmonary, and ENT. To learn more about Oneida Health, visit www.oneidahealth.org.