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**Bridges Health Partners Announces Dr. Rob Zimmerman as Interim President**  
*Chief Medical Officer to Take on Additional Role*

PITTSBURGH, PA (February 1, 2022) – Bridges Health Partners, LLC, an integrated network of four independent nonprofit health systems that works to improve the health of populations in western Pennsylvania, announced today that Dr. Rob Zimmerman will assume the role of interim president. He will also retain his current role as chief medical officer.

Dr. Zimmerman will fill the role previously held by Tom Boggs, who has left the organization to serve as CEO at Brown & Toland Physicians in Oakland, California. According to Richard C. Chesnos, PHSO Chair at Bridges Health Partners, “Brown & Toland Physicians are lucky to have Tom as their new CEO. He is an accomplished healthcare executive who has helped to position our organization and its health system partners for success.”

During Tom’s tenure, Bridges Health Partners increased revenues by integrating the largest independent health systems into value-based partnerships, while reducing costs by more than four percent and achieving top-decile quality outcomes. More recently, the organization was one of only twelve entities earning national recognition as a top performing network by KLAS Market Research in October 2021.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Bridges and am so proud of our organization’s growth and accomplishments over the past three years,” said Boggs. “As an experienced physician and chief medical officer, I’m confident Rob will guide the organization to continued success in the future.”

Prior to joining Bridges Health Partners, Dr. Zimmerman served as the assistant medical director at Excelsa Health Medical Group. He still practices as a family physician with Excelsa Health today. Previously, Zimmerman was part of the medical group with the 377th Air Base Wing stationed at Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. He not only practiced family medicine, but also supported the OIC Allergy, Asthma, and Hypertension Clinics, as well as the OIC Base IDMT Program.

“My personal philosophy as a physician is to help patients achieve excellent health through healthy lifestyle, disease prevention, and medical treatment when necessary,” said Dr. Zimmerman. “Bridges

champions and supports this approach by providing accessible, high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered care through member collaboration and innovation.”

The physician-led network is comprised of Butler Health System, Excelsa Health System, St. Clair Health, and Washington Health System. These partner systems—along with their independent and employed medical staff and Genesis Medical Associates—are committed to transforming how healthcare services are delivered by implementing an integrated, regional network of care that supports all patient populations, no matter the payer.

### **About Bridges Health Partners**

Four independent nonprofit health systems in the Pittsburgh metropolitan markets and surrounding communities, including Butler Health System, Excelsa Health, St. Clair Health, and Washington Health System, are the founding members of Bridges Health Partners. Each founding member, along with Bridges participating physicians, are committed to transforming how healthcare services are delivered by implementing an integrated, regional network of care. The Bridges Health Partners network, which includes Genesis Medical Associates, comprises eight hospital campuses with over 1,450 licensed beds, over 1,000 affiliated physicians with a network of primary care and specialty practice sites, ambulatory surgery centers, urgent care clinics, imaging and diagnostic centers, skilled nursing, home health, and hospice care. To learn more about Bridges Health Partners, visit [www.bridgeshealthpartners.org](http://www.bridgeshealthpartners.org).

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