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### **OAKLEAF CLINICS AND FOOT & ANKLE CLINIC PURCHASE PREVEA MENOMONIE CLINIC; EXPAND SERVICES AND KEEP LONG-TIME PROVIDERS IN PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

MENOMONIE, WI – May 14, 2024 – OakLeaf Medical Network members Oakleaf Clinics and Foot & Ankle Clinic will share the former Prevea medical clinic building they purchased together from HSHS. The new clinics are located at 2919 Stout Rd, Menomonie, Wisconsin 54751. OakLeaf Clinics is open now at the new location, and Foot & Ankle Clinic will move soon to the larger space.

[Foot & Ankle Clinic](#), will move soon from their previous Menomonie location into this larger space to accommodate their growing patient practice. To keep access to high-quality primary care services in the area, [OakLeaf Clinics](#) has hired Kristin Rubenzer, APNP and her team, who previously worked at Prevea Health Menomonie which closed in April due to the HSHS/Prevea exit from the Western Wisconsin region. In addition, OakLeaf OBGYN Dr. Hailey Roberts and a team of midwives will now work in the Menomonie clinic to provide more women's health services to the community in and around Menomonie.

Foot & Ankle Clinic and OakLeaf Clinics are both members of the Oakleaf Medical Network, the largest network of independent healthcare clinics in Western Wisconsin, with over 350 medical providers with 40 specialties.

By opening its new clinic, Oakleaf Clinics maintains access to high-quality health care in Menomonie with the same trusted providers who have been caring for local patients for years and expands services to provide more access and capacity to women's healthcare providers. OakLeaf plans to expand access to other key healthcare specialists in the Menomonie clinic with other specialist physicians from the Oakleaf Medical Network. Oakleaf Clinics in the near future. In addition, OakLeaf Clinics will open its Urgent Care in the Menomonie clinic in June.

Morgan Mack, DPM, and her colleagues at Foot and Ankle Clinic are excited to continue care in Menomonie. "Providing quality surgical foot and ankle care in Western Wisconsin for the last 30 years, the Foot and Ankle Clinic LLP is excited to be in our new Menomonie location. Our

commitment to independent healthcare and patient choice continues to grow, as we further help to expand patient care in Western Wisconsin. Surgical results matter and when it comes to family, our board-certified foot and ankle surgeons will provide the treatment necessary to keep you and your family active and on the move.”

### **Keeps Access to Care in Menomonie**

The OakLeaf Clinics expansion in Menomonie is particularly critical in the wake of Prevea and HSHS’s departure from Western Wisconsin.

“I am extremely happy to be a part of closing the healthcare gaps and addressing the Menomonie patient and community needs,” commented Rubenzer. “I feel very fortunate to be able to offer family medicine services, which has been my medical practice home for the past seven years, as a part of Oakleaf Clinics’ offerings in Menomonie. Caring for patients across their lifespans is my passion and has been my focus for the 14 years of my nurse practitioner career. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones for years to come here in Menomonie!”

Hailey Roberts, MD Oakleaf Clinics views this as an opportunity to help stabilize the care of women’s health in the region during uncertain times.

“I’m excited to help bridge the gaps by providing women’s health care in communities that have expressed a big need,” said Roberts. “OakLeaf Clinics and community members have been hoping for a presence in Menomonie for some time, and we now have the opportunity to establish a clinic in the area and provide a variety of primary and specialty care closer to home. I and our midwives are looking forward to offering obstetric and gynecologic care in Menomonie.”

### **About Foot & Ankle Clinic**

[Foot & Ankle Clinic](#), started in 1991, has been working with patients for 33 years to provide the best podiatric care available. With seven offices throughout the Chippewa Valley, Foot & Ankle Clinic offers podiatric care for a wide array of foot and ankle conditions. (Offices in Chippewa Falls, Cumberland, Eau Claire, Menomonie, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, and Stanley.)

### **About OakLeaf Clinics**

[OakLeaf Clinics](#), the largest clinic in the OakLeaf Medical Network, provides primary and specialty care through its 11 clinics in Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Cornell, Ladysmith, Menomonie, Rice Lake, and outreach clinics in Altoona, Amery, Baldwin, Black River Falls, Cumberland, Shell Lake, Stanley, and Turtle Lake.

### **About OakLeaf Medical Network**

[OakLeaf Medical Network](#), comprised exclusively of independent clinics, is the largest independent physician association in Western Wisconsin, with over 350 medical providers (130 physicians) with 40 specialties working across 31 clinics in 15 counties. Over 50,000 primary care patients are served by OakLeaf Medical Network providers. Originally founded in 1994 by a local group of physicians committed to preserving the unique values of independent medical practices including personal care, continuity of care, and easier access to care, as a “clinic without walls,” the organization has evolved and grown over time.

Today the clinics under the OakLeaf Medical Network include: OakLeaf Clinics (founded in 2015) with its 11 divisions, Buffalo River Clinic, Chippewa Valley Anesthesia Associates, Chippewa Valley Eye Clinic, Chippewa Valley Eye Clinic Chippewa Falls, Chippewa Valley Neurosciences, Chippewa Valley Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, Confluence Healthcare, DeFatta ENT & Facial Plastic Surgery, Diagnostic Radiology Associates, Eau Claire G.I. Associates, Evergreen Surgical, Foot and Ankle Clinic, Hesse Foot & Ankle Clinic, Interventional Pain Specialists of Wisconsin, Medical X-Ray Consultants, Merrick Plastic & Hand Surgery, Northwest Radiation Oncology Associates, Nystrom & Associates, Pathology, SC, Plastic Spears Pain and Rehab, Surgery Clinic of Eau Claire, Sunrise Family Care Clinic, Thomas Peller, MD, Western Wisconsin Urology, Winding Rivers Counseling, and Wisconsin Brain & Spine Center.

OakLeaf Medical Network clinics are in the following counties: Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Trempealeau, and Washburn.

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