



## **OAKLEAF MEDICAL NETWORK STATEMENT REGARDING MMC-EAU CLAIRE LABOR AND DELIVERY BED EXPANSION**

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“OakLeaf Medical Network welcomes the news that Marshfield Medical Center – Eau Claire is increasing its labor and delivery beds to help close the gap that will be left when HSHS closes Sacred Heart and St. Joseph’s hospitals. OakLeaf Medical Network today anticipates over 900 births from patients who receive healthcare from its member clinics and physicians. The additional capacity MMC-Eau Claire is adding is desperately needed. All OakLeaf Medical Network OBGYNs admit patients to Marshfield Medical Center.

“OakLeaf Medical Network is committed to helping create an independent community hospital to complement the services and hospital beds other hospitals in the region can offer.”

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