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Henderson Hospital To Close Maternity Services - Other Valley Facilities Available

The leadership of Henderson Hospital has informed its maternity and neonatal intensive care unit staff of planned changes to this service line.

After a very thorough assessment, Henderson Hospital has made a very difficult decision to balance the decreased demand for maternity care with the greater need for medical-surgical inpatient beds.

As a result, Henderson Hospital will be ceasing to offer Maternity and NICU services as of **7:00 pm on or around September 30, 2026.**

The hospital is working in conjunction with its employees, healthcare providers and in full collaboration with all necessary government agencies for a seamless transition prioritizing maternity patients, staff and physicians. Plans include:

- All mothers and babies will continue to receive safe, quality treatment and care before being appropriately discharged or transferred to a **Valley Health System hospital with maternity services or another facility.**

- Henderson Hospital will continue to provide 24/7 availability of a physician on call for all gynecological medical

emergencies that may present to our main emergency department or one of our freestanding emergency departments. The hospital will also continue to support all gynecological and breast surgeries.

- The existing maternity unit will immediately be converted into 32 medical surgical rooms, and the neonatal intensive care unit space will be renovated to add another 32 medical surgical beds with an estimated completion date of December 31, 2027.

- Approximately 100 affected staff members will be working closely with Human Resources to apply for another open position at Henderson Hospital or with maternity-related positions at Centennial Hills, Spring Valley or Summerlin hospitals. This will help ensure timely transitions to new opportunities while supporting proper staffing for the Birthplace and NICU until the last day of care.

Multiple Factors Contributed to Decision

Henderson Hospital is experiencing significant emergency room volume and admissions for medical and surgical care. As a result, the ER and inpatient nursing units at the hospital

are regularly at capacity. To increase capacity and reduce the time patients spend waiting in the ER, the hospital opened a 35-bed medical-surgical unit in May 2026. Despite the opening of these beds, it did not completely resolve our capacity issue.

Simultaneously, there have been many maternity-related changes in Southern Nevada that affected the need for inpatient maternity care, including a decreasing Southern Nevada birth rate consistent with the national trend, physician retirements, OB office closures and a significant decrease in patients being referred by maternal fetal medicine specialists, thus resulting in a decrease in NICU admissions.

In closing, hospital leadership would like to recognize the outstanding expertise and compassionate care our Birthplace and NICU teams have provided for almost 10 years, guiding women through difficult labors, joyful deliveries and devastating losses, and their role in supporting new families in Southern Nevada.

As difficult as this is, we see this as the appropriate next step on our journey to provide the most needed care for our community.

About Henderson Hospital

Henderson Hospital is a member of The Valley Health System, a network of acute care and specialty hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, physician practices and outpatient services that provide care for patients throughout Southern Nevada and nearby communities. Located in Henderson, NV, the 338-bed acute care hospital offers emergency care, surgical services, advanced cardiovascular procedures, GI procedures, neurosurgical & spine procedures, orthopedic procedures, outpatient wound care and two freestanding emergency departments:

ER at Green Valley Ranch and the ER at Cadence. It is accredited as an Advanced Primary Heart Attack Center and an Advanced Primary Stroke Center.

About Valley Health System Maternity Services

Within The Valley Health System, **Centennial Hills, Spring Valley and Summerlin hospitals all offer comprehensive maternity services** including antepartum care, labor and delivery, post-partum, Level II and Level III neonatal intensive care units and a wide range of childbirth and breastfeeding classes, along with unique course offerings like boot camps, Nutrition for Pregnancy, infant massage, post-partum classes and support groups.