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## **Cook Children's Expands with New Pediatric Hospital in Prosper** *Primary and urgent care expected to open in Fall 2019*

**Prosper, TX (April 25, 2019)** – Cook Children's Health Care System, which has a long history of caring for children in North Texas and beyond, is announcing plans to build a new children's hospital in east Denton County in the Town of Prosper.

Cook Children's Medical Center North will be located on Cook Children's North Campus, a 23-acre site at Windsong Parkway and Highway 380. Phase I is already underway and includes primary and urgent care services that will open in the fall of 2019. An outpatient surgery center and a comprehensive outpatient specialty center, including imaging and lab services, will open in the spring of 2020. The new inpatient pediatric hospital consisting of a neonatal intensive care unit, pediatric intensive care unit, emergency department, operating rooms and medical/surgical unit is scheduled to open in 2022.

As one of the largest freestanding pediatric health care systems in the country, Cook Children's currently operates a number of primary care offices in eastern Denton County and Prosper. The location of the new hospital was specifically chosen to address the emergent need for pediatric health care services in this fast-growing area.

“With more than one million patient encounters each year, Cook Children's is proud of its far-reaching reputation that attracts patients and families from all over the world,” said Mr. Rick Merrill, President and CEO of Cook Children's Health Care System. “Our full intent is to offer leading edge technology and services that when combined with our integrated delivery model brings an outstanding patient and family experience.”

Cook Children's pediatric care is unmatched in North Texas, serving generations of people with seamless, coordinated care for patients and their families. That means whether a child is in need of a checkup visit with a pediatrician, visiting urgent care or requiring more specialized treatments or surgery, Cook Children's will offer its full complement of services providing a unique medical home for children in Prosper and surrounding areas.

This is the fourth medical center campus for Cook Children's, which also operates Cook Children's Surgery Centers in Hurst and Plano and the flagship campus in downtown Fort Worth. Cook Children's primary service area includes Tarrant, Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker and Wise counties.

“Cook Children's has made a promise to improve the health of every child in our six-county region and that means we have to continue to expand our reach to keep up with a rapidly growing area like we are seeing in Prosper and Denton County,” said Nancy Cychol, Chief of Hospital Services for Cook Children's. “By looking ahead at the growing pediatric health care needs in this community, we are ensuring our promise is kept.”

To download a rendering of the new Cook Children's North Campus in Prosper, [click here](#).

**About Cook Children's**

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community.

Our not-for-profit organization encompasses nine companies – a medical center, two surgery centers, a physician network, home health services and a health plan. It also includes Child Study Center at Cook Children's, Cook Children's Health Services Inc., and Cook Children's Health Foundation. With more than 60 primary, specialty and urgent care locations throughout Texas, families can access our top-ranked specialty programs and network of services to meet their unique needs.

We've worked to improve the health of children from across our primary service area of Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties for more than 100 years. Based on the exceptional care we provide, patients travel to Cook Children's from around the country and the globe to receive life-saving pediatric care built on leading technology, extraordinary collaboration and the art of caring.

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