**Maryland Hospital Association**

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# Terry Forde Elected to
# Maryland Hospital Association Executive Committee

**Elkridge, Md.** – Terry Forde, President & CEO of Adventist HealthCare (AHC) in Gaithersburg, was elected to the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA's) Executive Committee during a membership meeting June 2. Prior to joining Adventist HealthCare, Forde served as an executive at Centura Health, a faith-based organization jointly sponsored by Catholic Health Initiatives and Adventist Health Systems.

Forde, who joined Adventist HealthCare in 2011 as executive vice president and chief operating officer, was named president & CEO in April 2014. He has overseen the significant growth of the organization's services and programs in Maryland during his tenure. Forde has also worked with executives, employees and physicians to successfully adapt to the many changes that have occurred in health care at both the state and national levels. In addition, he has recruited several top executives and worked with his team on numerous new services, including:

- Opening the Shady Grove Adventist Aquilino Cancer Center in the fall of 2013
- Launching one of the area's largest Accountable Care Organizations in January 2014
- Expanding community outpatient services and clinics
- Opening AHC's first urgent care clinic in March 2015, with two more planned this year

Adventist HealthCare is the largest provider of health care services in Montgomery County and the largest contributor of community benefit and charity care.

Forde has served in numerous roles in the health care field for the past 19 years, including locations in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado.

Forde will serve a one-year term on the Executive Committee, after which he will be eligible for re-election to two additional one-year terms in this position. The Executive Committee is MHA's highest policymaking body and has the authority for most decisions, activities, and functions. The committee is composed of both hospital executives and hospital trustees, elected annually by the MHA Board of Trustees.

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