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**COLUMBUS, MS** – November 28, 2017 – Allegro Family Clinics, a subsidiary of Dutch Health Services, Inc., announced today that it will acquire two clinics in Columbus, MS from North Mississippi Medical Clinics, Inc. – the North Columbus Medical Clinic, located at 4508 Highway 45 North, and the Lowndes Medical Clinic, located at 56 Dutch Lane. The purchase will be effective December 1, 2017.

Patients should expect only a change in name, not in the care they have come to expect at these clinics. Dr. John Stanback and nurse practitioner Chase Larmour of the North Columbus Medical Clinic and Dr. Robert Buckley, Dr. Gerald Turner, and nurse practitioners Allison Taylor and Marilyn Smith of the Lowndes Medical Clinic will continue to provide primary care services at their present locations, and patients and their providers will continue to have access to their North Mississippi Health Services electronic medical records. The North Columbus Medical Clinic will become the Allegro Family Clinic of North Columbus, and the Lowndes Medical Clinic will be renamed the Allegro Family Clinic of East Columbus. Clinic telephone numbers will remain the same.

With the addition of the two new clinics, Allegro Family Clinics will strengthen its position as a leading provider of family medical care in Columbus and Lowndes County.

“Our addition of these two clinics strengthens our ability to provide families in the Lowndes County area with convenient, high-quality medical care focused on the needs of the patients. The providers and staff at the new clinics are exceptional and experienced,” said Joe Gillis, founder of Dutch Health Services. “This investment represents an important strategic commitment to improving the health of the people of Columbus and Lowndes County, and we look forward to collaborating with North Mississippi Health Services to achieve this mission for our patients.”

#### **About Dutch Health Services and Allegro Family Clinics**

Dutch Health Services had its beginning in 1990 when Dutch Pharmacies, Inc., also a subsidiary of Dutch Health Services, opened a single retail pharmacy in Columbus. Since 1990, Dutch Pharmacies, doing business as Family Pharmacies, has grown to ten stores providing local communities in the region with unparalleled speed and convenience in pharmacy services – all while maintaining competitive prices and delivering that personal touch not offered by the big chains. Seeing the growing need that families have for convenient, high-quality primary medical care, Dutch Medical Clinics, Inc. opened the first Allegro Family Clinic in 2013 and its second clinic in 2016 at Allegro Plaza in Columbus.

North Mississippi Medical Clinics, Inc. is a subsidiary of North Mississippi Health Services, Inc. based in Tupelo, MS.