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MHA Ventures Welcomes Synergy Health Partners as an Endorsed Partner

[Helena, MT] — [January 6th 2025] – [Montana Hospital Association](#)'s shared services division [MHA Ventures](#) (MHAV) is excited to announce a new partnership with Synergy Health Partners, a leading innovator of surgical staffing solutions.

This collaboration will enhance MHA Ventures' mission to improve patient care, reduce operating costs, and strengthen our workforce. Synergy Health Partners, known for its unique and innovative surgicalist model, brings an affordable turnkey solution to hospitals facing challenges related to surgeon recruitment, on-call gaps, access to care, and patient satisfaction. The company aligns perfectly with MHA Ventures' goals of fostering growth and innovation within the healthcare sector here in Montana. By leveraging Synergy's expertise, MHA Ventures aims to empower its network of members with cutting-edge solutions and best practices.

“We are thrilled to welcome Synergy Health Partners to our family of endorsed partners,” said Sean Becker, vice president of shared services at the Montana Hospital Association. “Their dedication to improving patient outcomes and operational efficiency resonates with our commitment to enhancing the healthcare landscape. Together, we will drive meaningful change and create value for our partners.”

Addressing the Surgeon Shortage and Benefiting Hospitals and Communities Through a Fractional “Care Team” Solution

Synergy Health Partners provides full or augmented coverage for general, orthopedic, and trauma surgeries, as well as Critical Access Hospital anesthesia. Their 10-on/20-off schedule minimizes burnout, keeping surgeons connected to their families and passions while ensuring full dedication during rotations.

This partnership will provide MHA members with access to these invaluable resources, helping them navigate physician staffing challenges, enhance local access, improve efficiency, and reduce outmigration boosting hospital revenue. By providing dedicated on-call surgeons, it shortens patient wait times, increases surgical volume, and strengthens financial performance, allowing hospitals to focus on other priorities with confidence in expert surgical care.

“The Ortho [Surgicalist] team is a dream.” said Nick Dirkes, Chief Executive Officer at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital. “The Surgicalist team covering Frances Mahon Hospital gives

our hospital 24/7/365 coverage, while still letting patients develop a relationship with a doctor locally, instead of needing to drive 300+ miles for specialty care.”

With the launch of this strategic partnership, MHA Ventures and Synergy Health Partners are both looking forward to working with rural hospitals to identify new opportunities for collaboration, support, and innovation in their surgical units.

“Joining forces with MHA Ventures is an exciting opportunity for us,” said Dan Siegel, Chief Executive Officer at Synergy Health Partners. “Our surgicalist model helps hospitals tackle the nationwide surgeon shortage while improving access to care. We recruit nationally and deliver care locally, stabilizing surgical teams and driving economic growth in the community.”

For more information about MHA Ventures and Synergy Health Partners, please visit MHA Ventures website <https://mtha.org/> and Synergy Health Partners website <https://synergy-hp.com/>.

About Montana Hospital Association

The Montana Hospital Association is a nonprofit organization with more than eighty members, including 100% of Montana’s hospitals, that provide the full spectrum of healthcare services. This includes hospital inpatient and outpatient services, skilled nursing facilities, home health, hospice, physician services, assisted living, senior housing, and insurance services. MHA Ventures, Inc. is the for-profit subsidiary of MHA, created to deliver solutions that improve patient care, reduce operating costs and strengthen the financial viability of Montana’s hospitals. Learn more at MTHA.org.

About Synergy Health Partners

Synergy Health Partners is a national leader in surgicalist services, with active programs in 23 states from Oregon to Maine. The company’s innovative approach helps hospitals recruit, retain, and manage top-tier surgical teams, improving care quality and hospital efficiency. Learn more at synergy-hp.com

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