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**ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL OPENS PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES  
FACILITY IN COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS**

*Belleville* – St. Elizabeth's Hospital announces the opening of its new physical therapy services facility at 399 Veterans Parkway in Columbia, Illinois, on January 3, 2011.

“We are pleased to continue St. Elizabeth's Hospital Outpatient Therapy Services in the Monroe County area without interruption,” said Robert Miller, Chief Operating Officer at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, “and excited to be in a position to quickly transition to the new space with the same team of dedicated professionals to meet the needs of our current and future patients.” Outpatient Therapy Services are fully accredited and available for a variety of patients such as those with post stroke or surgical requirements, people at risk for falls or those with sports injuries. Therapists work one-on-one with patients to help them overcome limitations and achieve full recovery potential using state-of-the-art equipment.

The new facility is one of seven outpatient therapy locations available to metro-east residents through St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The others are located in Belleville, O'Fallon and Mascoutah. St. Elizabeth's Hospital Outpatient Therapy Services accepts most insurances and offers specialized services for:

- sports injuries
- lymphedema
- incontinence
- pelvic floor pain
- vestibular/balance disorders

- pediatric disorders

New patients and referrals are currently being accepted. Call 618-281-9090 for more information on the services available.

**About St. Elizabeth's Hospital**

St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

**About Hospital Sisters Health System**

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and in Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit [www.hshs.org](http://www.hshs.org).

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