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President and Chief Executive Officer | Atrium Health

Eugene A. Woods, MBA, MHA, FACHE, is president and chief executive officer of Atrium Health, previously Carolinas HealthCare System, one of the most comprehensive and highly integrated not-for-profit healthcare systems in the nation. With 44 hospitals, over 900 care locations and an annual net revenue of nearly $10 billion, Atrium Health is responsible for more than 11.5 million patient interactions each year.

Woods joined Atrium Health in April 2016 and quickly collaborated with the organization's more than 65,000 teammates to unite around a redefined vision to be the first and best choice for care and a new mission statement to improve health, elevate hope and advance healing – for all. Under his leadership, Atrium Health has been recognized as one of the Best Employers for Diversity by Forbes, number one on the list of Best Places for Women & Diverse Managers to Work by DiversityMBA and one of the 150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare by Becker's Healthcare.

One of today's most prominent leaders in healthcare, Woods is passionate about protecting and expanding healthcare access and coverage to all Americans, better engaging with our communities to advance positive health outcomes and achieving equity of care by eliminating disparities. In January 2017, Woods assumed the role of chairman of the board of trustees of the American Hospital Association and currently serves as immediate past chair. As a leader of the national organization that represents and serves nearly 5,000 hospitals, healthcare systems, networks and other providers of care, and 43,000 individual members, Woods and his colleagues actively work to provide quality care to millions of Americans and to help them reach their highest potential for health.

Woods has more than 25 years of healthcare leadership experience, having overseen non-profit and for-profit managed hospitals, academic and community-based delivery systems and rural and urban facilities. Most recently, Woods was president and chief operating officer of CHRISTUS Health, a not-for-profit health system comprising of 50 hospitals and long-term care facilities, 175 clinics and outpatient centers, and 30,000 associates, where he oversaw acute, post-acute and international operations for facilities in the United States, Mexico and Chile. Previously, he served in dual roles at Catholic Health Initiatives – as CEO of the eight-hospital Saint Joseph Health System and as senior vice president responsible for helping implement national initiatives for the faith-based organization, which operates in 18 states. Prior to that, he served as COO of MedStar Washington Hospital Center, a 968-bed teaching hospital located in Washington, D.C.

Recently, Woods was renamed as one of the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare, taking spot No. 19, as well as one of Modern Healthcare’s Top-25 Minority Executives in Healthcare for the fourth consecutive year. His numerous professional distinctions also include being named one of the Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America by Savoy Magazine; one of the Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America by Black Enterprise; one of the Most Admired CEOs of 2018 by the Charlotte Business Journal; Senior Executive of the Year by the National Association of Health Service Executives and Alumni of the Year by the Pennsylvania State University.

Woods holds three degrees from the Pennsylvania State University: a bachelor’s degree in health planning and administration, a master’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in health administration.