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**JILL PAYNE APPOINTED NEXT CHIEF NURSING OFFICER  
OF HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH**

(DANVILLE, IN) – Hendricks Regional Health President & CEO Dr. Michelle Fenoughty has announced that Jill Payne, DNP, RN, CENP, will serve as the healthcare system’s next Chief Nursing Officer, effective January 20, 2026.

“I am thrilled to welcome Jill to Hendricks Regional Health,” said Dr. Michelle Fenoughty, MD, MBA, FADHE, President & CEO. “Her over 30 years of nursing leadership experience and commitment to evidence-based quality improvement align perfectly with our mission. Jill’s passion for developing future nursing leaders will help ensure we remain a Magnet organization where nurses can grow, lead, and make a lasting impact on the communities we serve.”

Most recently, Payne served as Market Chief Nursing Officer for Ascension St. Vincent in Indiana. Before stepping into that position, she was Chief Nursing Officer over five Ascension facilities. Prior to joining Ascension, Payne was System Chief Nursing Officer at Med Center Health in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Her expansive career includes serving as Associate Chief Nurse Executive at IU Health. Earlier in her tenure at IU Health, Payne held the positions of Director of Clinical Operations in its Surgical Patient Care division and a dual director role leading the Orthopedic service line.

Payne has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana State University and a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from the University of Indianapolis. She earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Indianapolis. She is a Certified Executive in Nursing Practice (CENP).

Payne grew up in Brownsburg along with her husband, Aaron, who has served as a law enforcement professional in Hendricks County for over 30 years. Their daughter, Jessica, is a graduate of Plainfield High School.

“Hendricks has such a strong reputation and is so community driven,” Payne said. “Coming here is a dream come true. I want to be able to help make an impact on this incredible place where I grew up and my family grew up. I am looking forward to working side-by-side with the outstanding nurses, leaders and entire team who make Hendricks so special.”

**ABOUT HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH**

Since 1962, Hendricks Regional Health has served west central Indiana as its preferred, trusted healthcare provider. As a nationally recognized, nonprofit healthcare system, we offer a full spectrum of primary care and specialty services. Hendricks is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @HendricksHealth, Facebook @Hendricks.org or visit Hendricks.org.

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Pictured above is Jill Payne, DNP, RN, CENP, Chief Nursing Officer of Hendricks Regional Health, effective January 20, 2026.