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**Coliseum Medical Centers Now Offers House-Calls to Eligible Patients**

**(Macon, GA)** – Coliseum Medical Centers, in partnership with Home Physician Care, now offers house-calls to discharged hospital patients. These at-home follow-up visits are designed to ensure the patient is doing well after their hospital stay and to reduce avoidable hospital readmissions. Patients who benefit from this service include, but are not limited to, those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, diabetes, and other chronic health problems. As part of the hospital or emergency room discharge process, physicians and case managers will recommend patients for house-call services. A doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant, along with a licensed EMT or paramedic will then visit the patient in his or her home within seven days of discharge from the hospital.

Todd Dixon, Chief Operating Officer at Coliseum Medical Centers, said, "Coliseum Medical Centers is committed to the care and improvement of the lives of our patients. With this service, we can help our patients continue their recovery once they leave the hospital by bridging the gap between hospital discharge and the follow-up visit with their physician. This allow us to help our patients stay on the path to recovery and lowers the likelihood of hospital readmission. It is a much needed service and we are proud to be the first hospital in Middle Georgia to provide this service to our patients."

Our partner, Home Physician Care, has been providing house-calls since 2007, and utilizes teams comprised of a physician or an advanced practice provider supported by a licensed EMT or paramedic. They maintain all of the prehospital medical supplies and equipment required of State Licensed First Responder units, as well as most equipment commonly found at a typical doctor's office. Common activities for a typical house call may include, but are not limited to:

- Physical & History Exams
- Diagnostics & Lab Tests
- Medication Checks
- Diet & Nutrition Review/Education
- Referral Services
- Social Services

House-call fees are based on usual office visit fees and are covered by Medicare and most health insurance. For more information about house-call services, please call Coliseum Medical Centers at (478) 765-4104.

*About Coliseum Medical Centers*

*Owned by Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Coliseum Medical Centers is a 310 bed facility offering a 24-hour emergency room, diagnostic services, inpatient and outpatient surgery options, rehabilitation programs, and behavioral health. In addition, Coliseum Medical Centers' services include specialty facilities such as the Coliseum Heart Institute, an advanced cardiac center offering all services from non-invasive cardiology to open heart surgery, Coliseum Rehabilitation Center, Coliseum Robotics Institute, Coliseum Cancer Institute, Coliseum Diabetes Management Center, and the Family Ties Birthing Center, which includes a level III neonatal nursery. The Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health provides treatment to adults with psychiatric and addiction issues. For more information about Coliseum Medical Centers' services, visit [www.coliseumhealthsystem.com](http://www.coliseumhealthsystem.com).*

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