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Carle Health Executive Vice President and COO Matthew Kolb Elected to the Illinois Health and Hospital Association Board

NAPERVILLE – Matthew Kolb, JD, MHA, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Carle Health, has been elected to the Board of Trustees for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA). The IHA Board is the policymaking body for the Association, which represents more than 200 hospitals and nearly 40 health systems across Illinois. Kolb's three-year term began on Jan. 1, 2026. The first IHA board meeting of the year is scheduled for Jan. 23.

"We are excited to welcome Matt to the IHA Board," said A.J. Wilhelmi, IHA President and CEO. "Matt brings deep experience in clinical operations and a strong track record of advancing strategic priorities, and I look forward to partnering with him as we continue to shape healthcare policy in Illinois."

Since joining Carle Health in 2014, Kolb has served in a variety of executive leadership positions with a focus on leading clinical operations, care transformation and strategic growth.

Prior to joining the leadership team at Carle Health, Kolb worked at Allina Health System in Minneapolis, MN, for seven years.

Kolb received his Juris Doctor from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, Master of Health Administration from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine and Bachelor of Arts from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

About Carle Health

At Carle Health, we're dedicated to delivering personalized care that patients and families can trust and count on at every step of their healthcare journey. Rooted in clinical excellence and guided by compassion, our award-winning care teams work to deliver consistent, connected care – where quality, accessibility and innovation come together to support health and well-being for all.

As one integrated health system with deep local roots, our more than 17,000 team members and providers work together to support patient care through eight hospitals, a clinical research institute and higher learning institutions across central and southeastern Illinois. We will continue to deliver care you can trust and count on, every step of the way. Learn more at Carle.org.

About IHA

The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, with offices in Chicago, Naperville, Springfield, and Washington, D.C., advocates for Illinois' more than 200 hospitals and nearly 40 health systems as they serve their patients and communities. IHA members provide a broad range of services—not just within their walls, but across the continuum of healthcare and in their communities. Reflecting the diversity of the state, IHA members consist of nonprofit, investor-owned and public hospitals in the following categories: community, safety net, rural, critical access, specialty, and teaching hospitals, including academic medical centers. For more information, see www.team-aha.org. Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [X](#) (formally known as Twitter).

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