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Humphreys Diabetes Center joins St. Luke's Health System

The Humphreys Diabetes Center is now the St. Luke's Humphreys Diabetes Center. The center joined St. Luke's officially on Friday, ending a joint sponsorship of the center by St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus Health System.

St. Luke's said it will expand the center's diabetes services to more locations. The center now serves about 4,000 people each year in Boise, Meridian and Nampa.

The center has provided diabetes education and prevention services in the Treasure Valley for 24 years. The change will not cause any interruptions in service to patients or health care providers, St. Luke's said.

Growing demand for diabetes services has increased the independent nonprofit's operational costs, while reimbursements have declined. As that happened, the joint sponsorship became more costly for both health systems, and that led to an agreement late last year for St. Luke's to become sole sponsor, St. Luke's said.