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Hospital Merger Moves Forward

The St. Luke's Health System board of directors has approved the merger between its Twin Falls hospital and St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Under the new agreement, St. Ben's will become a subsidiary corporation of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. The North Side hospital will also change its name to St. Luke's Jerome. St. Luke's announced the decision three days after the board met to approve the merger.

“The focus of St. Luke's Health System is on improving the health of the communities we serve,” said David Pate, president and CEO of St. Luke's Health System, in a news release. “With the addition of St. Luke's Jerome to the St. Luke's family, we can work to provide better care, improve health, and lower cost to the entire region in a more coordinated manner.”