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### **Crisp Regional Health Services Announces Michael R. Dukes as Vice President of Professional Services**

**Cordele, Ga.** — Crisp Regional Health Services is pleased to announce the hiring of **Michael R. Dukes** as **Vice President of Professional Services**, bringing more than 20 years of healthcare administration experience in physician practice management to the organization.

Dukes has spent his career providing operational leadership for multispecialty medical offices and ambulatory surgery centers, with a strong focus on physician engagement and the strategic growth of clinical enterprises across a variety of care settings. His experience includes overseeing medical office expansions and new facility development, including the planning, build-out, and operational launch of ambulatory surgery centers, with an emphasis on efficiency, regulatory compliance, quality outcomes, and physician alignment.

Under the leadership of Steven Gautney, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dukes serves as an active member of the Crisp Regional Hospital executive leadership team. In this role, he is responsible for the overall operation and quality of healthcare services provided through the hospital's clinics and physician practice management department, working collaboratively to implement the organization's strategic vision, goals, philosophy, and overall direction.

“Michael brings a depth of experience in physician practice operations and ambulatory services that will be invaluable as we continue strengthening and expanding access to high-quality care across our region,” said Steven Gautney, President and Chief Executive Officer of Crisp Regional Health Services. “His leadership, strategic insight, and commitment to physician alignment will play an important role in advancing our clinical services and supporting our medical staff.”

Dukes is married to April Dukes, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of Crisp Regional Health Services. Together, they have three sons—Clayton, Taylor, and Adam. Outside of their professional roles, the Dukes family is actively involved in serving their church community at First Baptist Church of Tifton.