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Memorial Health to Build Freestanding Emergency Rooms
in Pooler and Richmond Hill

Savannah, GA (September 2025) – Memorial Health officials today reaffirmed their plans to build freestanding emergency rooms in Pooler and Richmond Hill. Following a comprehensive and rigorous legal process, the Supreme Court of Georgia declined to hear the appeal challenging the Georgia Department of Community Health's (DCH) approval for these facilities.

"We're excited that, after a long legal process, the Supreme Court of Georgia's decision means we can finally move forward with building freestanding emergency rooms in Pooler and Richmond Hill. These are two of the fastest-growing communities in our region, and families there deserve access to high-quality emergency care close to home," said Brad Talbert, CEO of Memorial Health.

Each facility will be staffed 24/7 by board-certified emergency physicians and nurses, with full imaging and lab capabilities—bringing the same level of care people expect from Memorial Health's main hospital in Savannah. Physicians at these facilities will be able to diagnose and treat patients with serious medical conditions, provide emergency treatment, and if necessary, transfer the patient to the hospital for additional care.

Our goal is simple: make it easier and faster for people to get the care they need—because when minutes matter, care close to home can make all the difference. "This is about saving time, saving lives, and serving our neighbors where they live. We're proud to move ahead and deliver on our commitment to expand access to care in coastal Georgia,' said Talbert.

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Memorial Health has provided quality healthcare services since 1955, giving patients access to highly trained physicians and advanced technology. Our 711-bed hospital is one of the region's leading acute care facilities, serving 35 counties in southeast Georgia and southern South Carolina. Located in Savannah, Georgia, we are a regional referral center for heart care, cancer care, trauma care, children's care, high-risk pregnancies and high-risk newborn

care. Our hospital includes the region's only Level 1 trauma center, the Memorial Health Dwaine & Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital of Savannah, a primary and specialty care physician network and Consult-A-Nurse®, our 24-hour call center. We also have a major medical education program that trains physicians in numerous specialties and our campus is home to the Savannah Campus of Mercer University School of Medicine.