

Rappahannock General to join Bon Secours Dec. 31

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Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock will officially become part of Bon Secours Virginia Health System on Dec. 31, hospital officials said.

Bon Secours announced in February that it was acquiring the nonprofit hospital on the Northern Neck. The community hospital and Bon Secours have had a formal affiliation since 2012, with Bon Secours physicians providing clinical care at the hospital.

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The Rappahannock General board of directors approved the deal Dec. 3. The state attorney general's office also had to approve the union.

Bon Secours Virginia, based in Richmond, has seven hospitals — three in Hampton Roads (DePaul Medical Center, Mary Immaculate Hospital and Maryview Medical Center) and four in the Richmond

area (Richmond Community Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center and Memorial Regional Medical Center).

Rappahannock General will be Bon Secours' eighth hospital in Virginia.

The hospital's 450 full- and part-time employees will become Bon Secours employees. Rappahannock's Chesapeake Medical Group and the Rappahannock General Hospital Foundation also will become part of Bon Secours. Chesapeake Medical Group includes family practice

Secours employees. Rappahannock's Chesapeake Medical Group and the Rappahannock General Hospital Foundation also will become part of Bon Secours. Chesapeake Medical Group includes family practice and specialty offices in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

"We are pleased to officially extend our reach and support to the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula communities through this acquisition," Peter J. Bernard, chief executive officer of Bon Secours Virginia Health System, said in a statement.

"It is our priority to improve access to quality health care in this region and expand services for these residents, and we will work tirelessly until these goals are realized," Bernard said.

James M. Holmes Jr., chief executive officer of Rappahannock General Hospital, will remain in that position.

For the hospital's fiscal year that ended March 2013, Rappahannock General reported a loss of \$309,769, according to information collected and reported by Virginia Health Information at www.vhi.org. VHI lists the hospital's net worth as about \$19.2 million.

Rappahannock General will be part of Bon Secours Virginia's Richmond market. Bon Secours Richmond will absorb Rappahannock General's existing liabilities, including debt and certain deferred payments, a spokeswoman said.

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