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**CASTAGNA TO RETIRE AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF MILLER-
KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER AND HOSPITAL CENTRAL SERVICES, INC.**

*Current Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Rami Nemeh to Assume the Role of
President and CEO effective January 1, 2025*

LEHIGH VALLEY, PA – The Board of Directors of Hospital Central Services, Inc., and its affiliates has shared that Peter Castagna will be retiring at the end of calendar year and that Rami Nemeh, currently Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) has been named President & CEO of Hospital Central Services, Inc. and its affiliates including MKBC. He will begin his new role effective January 1, 2025.

Earlier this year, Castagna informed the board of his intention to retire at the end of the calendar year after leading the organization for the past 11 years. During Castagna's tenure, HCSC successfully launched the Ambulatory Care Outpatient Linen Rental business which now serves more than 2,500 locations. In addition, Miller-Keystone Blood Center expanded operations in new markets including the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and Trenton areas and three linen processing plants were upgraded and automated expanding the company's capacity for future growth.

"We are most grateful for Pete's leadership and for guiding our organization especially during the COVID crisis when our services were critically needed," said HCSC, Inc. Board Chairman, John Brown. "We are indebted to Pete for building a strong team over the years that will help ensure a smooth transition of leadership."

"The move to the Lehigh Valley serving in the President & CEO role for past 11 years have been the most rewarding of my career. I have been inspired by the passion demonstrated every day by the staff, board, donors and community partners and am excited to hand the leadership reins to Rami Nemeh."

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HCSC formed a Succession Planning Committee to determine the best leadership path for the organization. The Committee consisted of the Chair and Vice Chair of each of the four HCSC Boards (HCSC, Inc., HCSC Enterprises, HCSC Cooperative and Miller-Keystone Blood Center) with Laurie Hackett, Director of Corporate and Community Relations at Air Products and MKBC Board Vice Chair leading the Committee.

“The Committee unanimously decided that Mr. Nemeah was the best choice to lead the organization moving forward,” said Hackett. “We believe his exceptional leadership and innovative thinking will continue to drive organizational success and foster a culture of excellence.”

Nemeah emigrated to the United States 26 years ago and joined MKBC as a Component Lab Technician. He continued to advance in the lab, and eventually being named as Director overseeing the entire lab operation.

Nemeah holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a Pathologist Assistant (Medical Science Laboratory) degree from the University of Aleppo. He also has a Front-Line Leadership Development certificate from Northampton Community College and a Strategic Leadership for Growth and Innovation certificate from the Manufacturing Resource Center (MRC).

“I am honored for the opportunity to serve Hospital Central Services and its affiliates in this capacity,” said Nemeah. “I am grateful to the executive team and the Board of Directors for their trust and support during this transition.”

“As we move forward, I am fully committed to the success of every division within our organization,” he added. “We will continue driving innovation, fostering collaboration, and achieving our shared goals. I remain dedicated to strengthening our ties within the community as we strive to make a positive impact and am confident that together we will build a healthier community.”

During the next few months, the two leaders will work together on a transition plan along with the rest of the management team to ensure that the company remains focused on its mission.

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“Peter Castagna’s strong leadership and unwavering dedication have laid a solid foundation for our organization, and I appreciate his guidance and mentorship throughout this journey. We’ve accomplished significant milestones under his vision and leadership, and I’m honored to be a part of his legacy,” added Nemeh.

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