

## HealthSouth Names Barb Jacobsmeyer As President, Central Region

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 1, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- HealthSouth (NYSE:HLS) today announced the promotion of Barb Jacobsmeyer to president of the central region following the recent retirement of current Regional President Terry Maxhimer. Jacobsmeyer previously served as chief executive officer at The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis, a partnership of BJC Healthcare and HealthSouth and regional vice president for HealthSouth's central region. The change will be effective September 1, 2012. Maxhimer will assist in transition activities throughout the month of August.

"Terry has made tremendous contributions to HealthSouth over the past nineteen years," said HealthSouth Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Mark Tarr. "He has been an invaluable asset and played a large role in HealthSouth's repositioning and emergence as a strong, profitable, growth company."

"At the same time, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Barb Jacobsmeyer as president of the central region for HealthSouth," added Tarr. "Barb will have operational responsibility for 16 hospitals, 15 of which are located in Kansas, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee. She will also have responsibility for the company's hospital in Bristol, Virginia. Barb has made significant contributions during her tenure as chief executive officer of The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis and I am confident she will continue to provide outstanding leadership in her new role."

Jacobsmeyer joined HealthSouth in 2007. She brings more than 20 years of healthcare experience to the role of president of the central region for HealthSouth. Prior to joining HealthSouth, Barb served as chief operating officer for Des Peres Hospital which is part of the Tenet Health System. She received her bachelor's degree in physical therapy from St. Louis University and her master's degree in health services management from Webster University.

### About HealthSouth

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