

How Transfer of Denver's Major Hospitals from Nonsectarian to Catholic Management Affects Patient Treatment Options

And What It Could Mean To You

Informational Meeting

Saturday, December 1, 2007 - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DENVER
4100 E. HAMPDEN AVE., DENVER, CO 80222-7262
(Corner of E. Hampden and Colorado Boulevard)**

What happens if Exempla, one of the largest Colorado nonsectarian healthcare systems that include Good Samaritan, Lutheran and St. Joseph Hospitals, is taken over by the faith based Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Systems?

How concerned should you be that medical care under the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Service would exclude medical services that are inconsistent with Catholic teaching, including emergency contraception for rape victims and the honoring of patient requests not to be kept alive by artificial means?

If you live in areas where Exempla Healthcare is the only available facility, would you have to travel for miles to find another doctor and hospital willing to treat you?

If you are insured by Kaiser or Cigna and have to go "out of network" to get needed services, will you have a higher co-pay.

Come learn more about the proposed transfer and its impact on hundreds of thousands of Coloradoans this coming December 1st. Representatives from Exempla, Community First Foundation, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Systems and Kaiser have been invited, along with other local organizations whose services or members will be affected by this transfer.

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