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Benedictine Health Foundation Funds Advanced Technology for the Center for Breast Health

Kingston, N.Y. – April 12, 2012 – The Benedictine Health Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce it has approved a funding request of \$587,000 for advanced diagnostic and biopsy technology called Molecular Breast Imaging (MBI). The new Fern Feldman Center for Breast Health located on the Benedictine Hospital campus will be the only location in the Hudson Valley to offer MBI technology.

MBI is used in conjunction with mammography to help define the size and extent of breast abnormalities at an early stage, and is the successor to the first generation Breast Specific Gamma Imaging (BSGI) technology that was launched a decade ago. It is considered a strong diagnostic tool for patients with dense breast tissue, suspicious areas on a mammogram, lumps that can be felt but not seen on a mammogram or ultrasound, implants or other breast augmentation procedures, scarring from previous surgeries and a strong family history of breast cancer

David Lundquist, CEO of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley, said the organization appreciates the ongoing support and commitment of the Benedictine Health Foundation.

“In addition to our excellent physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals, this state-of-the-art technology further enhances our ability to provide the best possible breast care services for our community,” Mr. Lundquist said.

It is estimated that of the 11,000 annual patients at The Center for Breast Health, 500 will qualify for MBI testing. The procedures will be performed using a LumaGem 3200S Dual-Head Breast Imaging System, which is billed by GammaMedica as the most advanced molecular imaging equipment available today.

Entire MBI procedures can be completed in approximately 45 minutes, and the images are instantly available for physician interpretation. Most patients find the exam to be comfortable because MBI requires only light, pain-free compression. The procedure offers enhanced image clarity for more accurate findings than an ultrasound or MRI, as well as an increased level of patient convenience and comfort.

The new Center for Breast Health opened in December of 2011. The Center offers expert medical staff and advanced technologies to provide the most comprehensive preventive, diagnostic, treatment and recovery services available in the Hudson Valley. It has a consistent philosophy that the whole person must be treated, with a goal to meet the physical and psychological needs of individuals facing breast cancer in a comfortable and private environment. The skilled physicians, nurses, and technicians from the former Feldman Feldman Anolick Breast Center at Benedictine Hospital and Greenspan Woman’s Health Center at Kingston Hospital continue to coordinate and provide premier breast health services which include screening and diagnostic digital mammography, breast ultrasound, bone densitometry, and localization and stereotactic biopsies.

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About HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®

HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley® is the alignment of Benedictine Hospital (150-bed acute care facility), Kingston Hospital (150-bed acute care facility), Margaretville Hospital (15-bed critical access facility), Mountainside Residential Care Center (82-bed skilled nursing facility) and Woodland Pond at New Paltz (continuing care retirement community). As the parent organization, HealthAlliance provides a unified governance structure, while still allowing each hospital to continue as a separate and distinct corporation. The goal of HealthAlliance is to strengthen the quality of care and bring forward enhanced technology to serve the present and future healthcare needs in the Hudson Valley. HealthAlliance and its affiliate facilities are committed to providing compassionate, patient-centered care and ensuring patient safety, privacy and dignity to all. For further information about HealthAlliance visit our website at www.HAHV.org.