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**Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic Associates Joins SCL Health Medical Group**  
*Integration elevates Western Slope's quality of orthopedic care*

**Grand Junction, CO --** Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic Associates (RMOA) and SCL Health Medical Group announced today that RMOA will formally become part of SCL Health Medical Group effective September 1. RMOA providers and staff will become employed associates of SCL Health Medical Group.

Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic Associates is the largest, most experienced orthopedics group between Denver and Salt Lake City, with nine physicians, nine advanced practice professionals and 86 employees serving more than 36,000 patients over 18 months. SCL Health Medical Group is a physician network comprised of more than 500 providers and 100 ambulatory clinics that, along with St. Mary's Medical Center, is part of SCL Health, a non-profit, faith-based healthcare system with operations primarily in Colorado, Montana and Kansas.

"RMOA joining SCL Health Medical Group will provide significant benefits to both parties as well as to the patients and communities we serve across Western Colorado," said Ben Koger, executive director of SCL Health Medical Group. "For example, SCL Health Medical Group will gain the outstanding knowledge, skill and expertise of the RMOA providers and staff, and RMOA will benefit from the scale and resources of being part of a large, integrated health system and medical group. Both of our organizations share a commitment to convenient, compassionate, high quality patient care," he added.

The move allows SCL Health Medical Group and RMOA to grow and advance exceptional orthopedic care in the community. St. Mary's Medical Center has a 122-year history in the Grand Valley and a 70-year partnership with RMOA.

"As RMOA joins SCL Health Medical Group, we will continue to work together to advance what we call the 'triple aim' goal of healthcare – improving quality, cost, and patient satisfaction. As a single organization, we are confident that we will be able to advance this work more quickly to benefit our patients and communities," said Mark G. Luker, M.D., RMOA executive president.

Dr. Brian Davidson, president of St. Mary's, has long championed community collaborations that advance the triple aim. Since his appointment in May 2016, he has led the organization's efforts in several community health initiatives, including those with Family Health West, Montrose Memorial Hospital, and Mind Springs Behavior Health. He said, "Taking our relationship with RMOA to the next level is an exciting step toward increasing access to seamless, comprehensive care for our patients. This is great for everyone, but especially for our patients," he added.

RMOA will remain at its current location at 627 25 ½ Road in Grand Junction. Services range from complex surgical procedures and sports medicine to joint replacement and massage therapy. Several significant sub-specialties are also offered.

**About SCL Health**

SCL Health is a faith-based, nonprofit healthcare organization dedicated to improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth in 1864, our \$2.6 billion health network provides comprehensive, coordinated care through 10 hospitals, more than 100 physician clinics, and home health, hospice, mental health and safety-net services primarily in Colorado and Montana. We relentlessly focus on delivering safe, high-quality, effective care to every patient, every time, everywhere. In 2017, SCL Health invested \$259 million in community benefit – 10 cents of every dollar we earn – to support health improvement in our communities. To learn more about SCL Health, and SCL Health Medical Group, visit [www.sclhealth.org](http://www.sclhealth.org).

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