Banner Health appoints key leadership position as Kathy Bollinger retires

As Kathy Bollinger prepares for her retirement from Banner Health in May, the Phoenix-based health system has selected Larry M. Goldberg as her replacement.

Goldberg has begun transitioning into his new role as president of Banner — University Medicine, overseeing Banner's three academic medical centers in Tucson and Phoenix as well as Banner — University Medical Group. Bollinger is delaying her retirement with Banner Health until the end of May to help Goldberg transition into his new role. His new role becomes effective April 30.

Goldberg comes from Illinois, where he was regional president and CEO of Trinity Health's Illinois region, which includes Loyola University Health System and Mercy Hospital & Medical Center.

Bollinger announced her intent to retire late last year. She has been a key force in establishing Banner's affiliation with the University of Arizona and transitioning the former University of Arizona Health Network into Banner. She has held senior and executive leadership positions at Banner, and predecessor organization Lutheran Health Systems for more than 30 years.

Banner Health was created in 1999 when Phoenix-based Samaritan Health System and Fargo, N.D.-based Lutheran Health Systems merged.

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