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Update on University of Arizona Health Network/Banner Health Merger

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Dear AHSC Community:

I am pleased to provide you with an update about the merger of University of Arizona Health Network into Banner Health. Banner Health will be sharing a similar communication with their employees and stakeholders.

Negotiations continue and are nearly completed. We anticipate signing definitive agreements by the end of January and have agreed to move the closure date for the proposed merger of UAHN into Banner and the conclusion of the Academic Affiliation Agreement to Feb. 27, 2015.

The level of detail to prepare documents for the closure of a 30-year Academic Agreement is significant. The new closure date also allows for an extended deadline for faculty physician benefits enrollment as well as extended deadlines for work product from transition teams.

I would like to acknowledge all the hard work done by the integration teams from the UA, UAHN, and Banner Health who are helping to move an extremely complex undertaking forward through numerous questions and challenges.

The proposals under discussion will enable a bright future for medical education and innovation at the UA and top-quality patient care in Tucson and throughout Arizona.

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