

On August 31, 2023, St. Margaret's Health-Spring Valley ("SMH-SV") and St. Margaret's Health-Peru ("SMH-P") (collectively, the "Debtors") filed chapter 11 petitions in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Bankruptcy Court"), Lead Case No. 23-11641, in order to effectuate a sale of substantially all assets of SMH-P to a third-party hospital system and liquidate the Debtors' remaining assets. On May 22, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court approved a contract between the Debtors and Cariend LLC ("Cariend") for Cariend to serve as custodian for the Debtors' medical records. Effective October 1, 2024, Cariend will be the medical records custodian, to manage the Debtors' records over the next 10 years. Cariend is not a medical provider and does not handle billing, medications, or referrals for the closed facilities. At this time, records from the Debtors are being transitioned to Cariend. The Debtors expect this transition to be completed in the next few weeks. Cariend may not initially have access to all of the Debtors' records during this transition.

Any parties requesting medical records of SMH-SV and/or SMH-P should be prepared to complete the Records Release Authorization Form and provide a copy of a government-issued photo ID, as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). The fastest way to process requests for copies of medical records is to visit Cariend's website and follow the instructions posted: <https://www.cariend.com/request-records/>.

If you prefer to mail your completed Records Release Authorization Form and a copy of your government-issued photo ID, please send the documentation to:

Cariend ROI
PO Box 1866
Thomasville, GA 31799-1866

If you have questions about requesting medical records, Cariend can also be contacted via email at Request@Cariend.com or phone at 404-991-7080. Please do not send sensitive personal information or request documents by email. Please note the HIPAA laws do not allow medical records to be released based on an email or phone request.