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HAZEL HAWKINS HOSPITAL TO ELIMINATE HOME HEALTH SERVICES

HOLLISTER, CA – January 6, 2023: The San Benito Health Care District Board voted today to follow the Administrative Team's recommendation to close the District's Home Health Care department known as San Benito Home Health Agency (SBHHA) effective January 31, 2023.

"This was a difficult decision to make" stated Mary Casillas, HHMH Interim CEO. "However, with consistently declining volumes, it was a sound business decision. There are duplicate services within our community that will be able to provide the needed home health care services to our patients."

Effective immediately, SBHHA will cease accepting new patient referrals. Current patients are the top priority during this transition.   Home health visits will continue through the end of January and SBHHA staff will work closely with key referral partners to ensure patients have continuity of care.

The closure will affect 16 employees, 4 of which are per diem. In collaboration with the California Nurses Association and the California Licensed Vocational Nurses Association the Hospital will follow union contract guidelines for represented employees who may be eligible to apply for open positions within the organization. Non-represented employees will also be given the opportunity to fill vacant positions within the District for which they are eligible.

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About Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital
Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital is a full-service, public agency hospital delivering modern medicine and compassionate care to the growing San Benito County community. HHMH offers hundreds of health services across multiple locations, including top-tier specialists, a modern Emergency Department, and a state-of-the-art Women's Center. To learn more about Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital and the Hazel Hawkins Hospital Foundation, please visit ww.hazelhawkins.com.