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### ***RHS announces Savoy Medical Center operations lease transition***

*New, nonprofit foundation takes over management of Mamou hospital Jan. 1*

MAMOU, La., January 1, 2010 – Rapides Healthcare System announced today that it has transitioned its operations lease of Savoy Medical Center to Savoy Medical Management Group and the Town of Mamou. The medical center, which is owned by the Town of Mamou, will now be operated by Savoy Medical Management Group Inc.

The agreement went into effect at 12:01 a.m., Friday, Jan. 1, 2010.

Since 1997, Savoy Medical Center has been managed by Rapides Healthcare System – under a management agreement set to expire on January 31.

“We are pleased this new management agreement is in concert with the Rapides Healthcare System management agreement expiration,” said David Williams, Rapides Healthcare System chief executive officer. “Savoy Medical Management Group and the Town of Mamou have established a new board of directors and a new administrative team ready to make this a seamless transition.”

The lease agreement between the Town of Mamou and Savoy Medical Management Group includes the medical center’s land, facilities and its on-site psychiatric services.

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“I am pleased that Savoy Medical Management Group recognizes the state-of-the-art medical care and qualified, caring physicians and medical professionals this community has to offer,” Williams said. “I believe this group will allow Savoy Medical Center to grow and give it the best possible opportunity for success in the future.”