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## Presbyterian Healthcare Services announces new CEO




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Dr. Rishi Sikka has been named Presbyterian Healthcare Services' new CEO, effective Oct. 21. He takes over from Dale Maxwell, who is retiring after 23 years with Presbyterian.

PRESBYTERIAN HEALTHCARE SERVICES



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On Oct. 3, the Presbyterian Healthcare Services board of directors announced that Dr. Rishi Sikka will be the company's new Chief Executive Officer.

Sikka will replace Dale Maxwell, who was appointed CEO in 2017, after taking over as interim CEO in 2016. Maxwell announced his retirement in March of this year, after 23 years at Presbyterian.

“We are thrilled that Dr. Sikka will join Presbyterian as our next CEO,” said Norm Becker, chair of the Presbyterian board of directors, in a news release.

Sikka has more than 20 years of experience in the health care industry, according to the release. He most recently worked as president of Village Medical, a primary care service provider and served as president of system enterprises for Sutter Health.

“It is an honor to join Presbyterian at this pivotal time in health care,” Sikka said in a news release. “I’m deeply inspired by Presbyterian’s purpose - to ensure every New Mexican can achieve their best health.”

Sikka is also a member of the Presbyterian board of directors, to which he was appointed in 2016. The CEO switchover will become official Oct. 21.

“Together, we will navigate the evolving health care landscape, innovate, and strive to deliver on our purpose in new ways for every patient and member we serve,” Sikka said in the release.

Presbyterian Healthcare Services, founded in 1908, has nine hospitals in the state and is one of New Mexico’s largest private employers, with over 13,000 employees, according to the release.