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Dr. Taylor Leading Senior Independence Programs

Mark Alan Taylor, MD, has been hired to lead the new Senior Independence Geriatric and Palliative Care programs which are designed to enhance the quality for care for older adults in Central Ohio.

“Dr. Taylor brings skill, compassion and a strategic approach to this new role,” said Linda Artis, Senior Independence Executive Director for the Central Ohio Region. “We are delighted Mark has accepted this position that benefits people in the setting that most prefer—their own home.”

Originally from Urbana, Dr. Taylor received his undergraduate degree in Chemistry/Pre-Med from Ohio University, earned his medical degree from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Prior to working for Senior Independence, Dr. Taylor was the Assistant Medical Director of Hospice for Homereach Hospice in Columbus.

Senior Independence’s Geriatric programs encompass several models of physician services, including home visits, palliative care consultation, attending physicians or visits in nursing homes and assisted living centers. The programs are designed to provide clients a personal relationship with a physician, as well as continuity of care across time and place for as long as it is needed and as often as is medically necessary to address acute or chronic problems. Palliative care, also a component of Senior Independence programming, is the medical specialty focused on pain relief, stress and other debilitating symptoms of serious illness. A key benefit of palliative care is that it customizes treatment to meet the individual needs of each patient. Palliative care relieves symptoms such as pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, constipation, nausea, loss of appetite and difficulty sleeping. It helps clients gain the strength to carry on with daily life, improves their ability to tolerate medical treatments and helps them better understand their choices for care.

Senior Independence, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services (OPRS), is one of Ohio’s premier providers of home and community-based

services recognized for quality, innovation and a positive work environment. Statewide, Senior Independence offers services to more than 90,000 older adults in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and operates 12 adult day centers. Senior Independence also manages six senior centers in partnership with local governments.

For more information about Senior Independence, please visit our website at seniorindependence.org or call **614-433-0031**.

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