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**West Florida Healthcare Names  
New Vice President of Human Resources**

PENSACOLA, FL – West Florida Healthcare has named **Maggie Smith, MPA** as its new Vice President of Human Resources. In her new role, Smith will be responsible for planning and directing the human resources functions for the all private room facility, including recruitment, employee performance evaluation and staff compensation. She is an expert in employee relations and is skilled in relationship management, team building and employee engagement.

Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati in Ohio as well as a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

An Ohio native, Smith joins West Florida Healthcare from Ft. Walton Beach Medical Center where she served as Human Resources Business Partner. While there, she was responsible for managing a variety of Human Resources functions, including employee relations, leave administration, compensation analysis, unemployment claims, employee retention and the onboarding process. Before joining Ft. Walton Beach Medical Center, Smith worked for the Department of Public Utilities, City of Columbus, Ohio, where she earned several promotions within the agency. While there, she gained experience in employee recruitment and selection, compensation and labor relations.

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## **About West Florida Healthcare**

The first hospital in the area to offer all private rooms, West Florida Healthcare proudly provides market-leading quality outcomes performance. Named for the second year in a row as one of the “100 Top Hospitals” in the nation by Truven Health Analytics, the facility has also been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for five years in a row by The Joint Commission, earned an “A” rating in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group for three consecutive reporting periods, and named by *Becker’s Hospital Review* to its 2016 national list of “100 Great Community Hospitals.” The area’s first Accredited Chest Pain Center and Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, West Florida Hospital is also the first hospital in the state of Florida to have earned Atrial Fibrillation with Electrophysiology Services Accreditation. The hospital is also an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and offers specialized Emergency Department services tailored specifically to the needs of seniors as well as a Kids’ ER dedicated to serving the emergency medical needs of children. The West Florida Healthcare campus includes the all private room acute care hospital, the area’s only comprehensive, CARF-accredited physical rehabilitation hospital, and a mental health facility. Affiliated with HCA, the nation’s leading provider of healthcare, West Florida Healthcare meets the community’s healthcare needs in major services such as cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, oncology, orthopedics, robotic-assisted surgery, critical care, neurology/neurosurgery, emergency care, urology, behavioral health, gastroenterology, obstetrics, pulmonary, and rehabilitative medicine. For more information, visit [www.westfloridahospital.com](http://www.westfloridahospital.com) or call (850) 494-3212.

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