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### VHS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF MARK PALMER AS HEMET ADMINISTRATOR



HEMET, CA – Valley Health System (VHS) announces the appointment of Mark Palmer as Administrator for Hemet Valley Medical Center (HVMC).

Palmer brings more than twenty years of healthcare management experience to this position. He has been particularly successful in areas such as growth and expansion of hospital services, employee and medical staff relationships, organizational transformation, and financial turnarounds.

“Mark brings a rich background of healthcare experience to HVMC,” said Fred M. Harder, VHS Chief Executive Officer. “He is a strong advocate for quality focused organizations that are developed through collaborative relationships with employees and physicians.”

Palmer’s prior experience includes serving as the chief executive officer for Alvarado Hospital Medical Center in San Diego, CA, and West Penn and Forbes Hospitals in Pittsburg, PA. He also served as chief operating officer for the Mid-Atlantic and South Florida Divisions of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA).

Palmer received his masters of business administration from the University Of Pittsburg Katz Graduate School Of Business in Pittsburg, PA, and his bachelors of science in accounting from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and a Board Member of the San Diego Alumni Association – USC Marshall School of Graduate Business.

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*Valley Health System is a California local health care district comprised of two acute care hospitals, Hemet Valley Medical Center and Menifee Valley Medical Center, and a chemical dependency program, Hemet Valley Recovery Center & Sage Retreat. For more information, visit [www.ValleyHealthSystem.com](http://www.ValleyHealthSystem.com).*