



Florida-based Synthase Collaborative and Southern Care Collaborative to Merge Bringing 10 Community Health Organizations Together Across Four States

(STUART, Fla. Sept. 9, 2024) – Florida-based Synthase Collaborative and Georgia-based Southern Care Collaborative have announced their merger to create a regional group of 10 nonprofit post-acute and home-based care organizations operating in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. By strategically aligning operations under a regional collaborative, the community-based providers will be better positioned to achieve greater economies of scale and payor relations in the delivery of care.

“This merger represents a significant step forward in optimizing resources and enhancing the efficiency of delivering compassionate care and support to patients and families across the care continuum.” said Synthase Founder and President and CEO of Avow, Jaysen Roa.

“In today’s competitive and challenging health space, collaboration provides nonprofit community-based health care organizations with the strategic and operational support needed to improve efficiencies and strengthen bargaining power with payors,” said Southern Care Collaborative President and CEO of Hospice Savannah Kathleen Benton. “Bringing like-minded organizations together ensures that we are able to continue to fulfill our mission to provide our communities with access to the highest quality care possible.”

Synthase providers – Avow, Inc, St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care, Inc. and Treasure Health, Inc. – care for more than 2,200 patients daily across Florida. Southern Care Collaborative’s six community-based organizations – Hospice Savannah, Inc., Hospice of South Georgia, Inc., Visiting Nurse Health System/Hospice Atlanta, Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, AuthoraCare Collective and Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredall County – serve an estimated 3,000 patients per day throughout more than 70 counties across Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The 10 health care providers will continue to serve their respective communities as independent organizations.

About Synthase Collaborative

Synthase is a not-for-profit collaborative formed in 2021 to unite post-acute and home-based care organizations across Florida. The collaborative will foster the ongoing exemplary care and support provided by each community based organization through the Synthase statewide network. Synthase member organizations care for an average of 2,200 patients daily and provide care and services to more than 10,000 adults and children annually across Florida.

About Southern Care Collaborative

Southern Care Collaborative is a group of community-based hospice, home health, palliative care, and care management providers from across the Georgia market and into parts of North Carolina and South Carolina.

Southern Care Collaborative is comprised of strong, high-quality non-profit programs with long legacies serving diverse communities in several states. The members include Hospice Savannah Inc., Hospice of South Georgia, Inc., Visiting Nurse Health System / Hospice Atlanta, Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, AuthoraCare Collective and Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County. If you are interested in learning more about the Southern Care Collaborative, please contact Erin Allen at eallen@hospicesavannah.org.