Texas Tidbits: Baylor, Scott & White merger complete

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Baylor completes merger with Scott & White. The governing boards of Baylor Health Care System and Scott & White Healthcare completed the merger of the two health systems to form the largest not-for-profit health system in Texas. The deal creates an \$8.3 billion organization, Baylor Scott & White Health, that includes 43 hospitals, more than 500 patient care sites, more than 6,000 affiliated physicians and 34,000 employees. Joel Allison, chief executive officer of Baylor Health Care System, is chief executive officer of the new Baylor Scott & White Health. Robert Pryor, president and chief executive officer of Scott & White Healthcare, is the new organization's president, chief operating officer and chief medical officer. Baylor and Scott & White first announced the merger plans in December 2012 and signed a definitive agreement in June 2013.

Baylor CEO among most influential nationally in healthcare. The governing boards of Baylor Health Care System and Scott & White Healthcare completed the merger of the two health systems to form the largest not-for-profit health system in Texas. Joel Allison, president and chief executive officer of Baylor Health Care System and CEO of the newly created Baylor Scott & White Health, ranked in the top 20 of Modern Healthcare magazine's "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare." The publication named Allison No. 19 on the list, which includes Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and President Barack Obama. It marks Allison's ninth appearance on the top 100 list in the last 10 years.