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**GILCHRIST HOSPICE CARE TO SERVE AS PROVIDER OF CHOICE  
FOR UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER**

HUNT VALLEY – Gilchrist Hospice Care, Maryland’s largest and most respected hospice organization, has entered an agreement to be a new provider of choice for patients of the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) in Baltimore. The agreement took effect January 1.

With the new agreement, Gilchrist Hospice Care has clinical experts on-site at UMMC to explain the clinical, social, spiritual and volunteer services it provides for hospice patients and to help patients and their families with decision-making. Those clinical experts will also assist UMMC patients who wish to go to Gilchrist with timely transfer so that they can immediately benefit from the high level of quality, compassionate care for which Gilchrist is known.

Once they are under the care of Gilchrist Hospice Care, UMMC patients can choose to maintain their relationships with the doctors who have been overseeing their care and treatment while also receiving comprehensive care from a team of Gilchrist experts that includes registered nurses, social workers, hospice aides, chaplains and volunteers.

“Our partnership with UMMC will afford patients and families in need of hospice care access to the premier hospice provider in Maryland,” said Catherine Y. Hamel, Executive Director of Gilchrist Hospice Care. “We are honored that UMMC has chosen to trust us with the care of their patients during this most difficult time in their lives.”

The UMMC partnership marks the second time in the past six months that Gilchrist Hospice Care has entered into a primary referral relationship with a major Maryland medical establishment. On July 1, 2009, Gilchrist became a provider of choice for the Johns Hopkins Health System.

Gilchrist Hospice Care, a subsidiary of GBMC HealthCare, provides end of life care for patients in Baltimore City and Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. Since 1994, the non-profit organization has provided care and services to more than 20,000 terminally ill individuals in the region. Gilchrist Hospice Care is certified by Medicare, licensed by the State of Maryland and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

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