

Highpoint Health Sumner

February 26, 2026

with  Ascension
Saint Thomas

Via E-mail (ann.r.reed@tn.gov)

Via Overnight Mail

Tennessee Health Facilities Commission
Andrew Jackson State Building
502 Deaderick Street
9th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Notice of Behavioral Health Unit Closure and License Capacity Reduction - Highpoint Health - Riverview with Ascension Saint Thomas (License No. 00000129)

Dear Mrs. Reed

Please accept this letter as formal notification that Highpoint Health-Riverview with Ascension Saint Thomas, located at 158 Hospital Drive, Carthage, TN 37030, will permanently close its Behavioral Health Unit, effective Monday, March 2. The decision to close the unit is due to critical staffing shortages that have made it no longer feasible to safely operate the service line.

The unit has been temporarily closed since February 13, 2026. As of that date, no new admissions have been accepted into the unit. Any patients who were admitted at the time of closure have been or will be safely transitioned to appropriate alternative care settings.

License Capacity Reduction:

With this permanent closure, we request the removal of ten (10) psychiatric beds from our facility license. The hospital will not utilize these beds moving forward, and we are voluntarily terminating the facility's Psych Unit Medicare number.

Future Use of Space:

The facility plans to expand its acute care beds into the former behavioral health area to provide additional private rooms for acute care patients. This expansion will not increase our total licensed bed count; rather, we will be converting existing semi-private rooms into private rooms to enhance patient comfort and privacy.

Construction/Renovation:

No construction or renovation work will be required to implement these changes.

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Should you need any additional information or documentation regarding this closure and license modification, please contact Jeremy Poynter at 615-850-8633 or Jeremy.poynter@hklaw.com.

Sincerely, 

Rod Harkleroad, Market President
Highpoint Health with Ascension Saint Thomas