

Starting January 1st, Gunderson Lutheran's clinics in Whitehall, Blair and Independence and Tri-County Memorial Hospital will be consolidated under the Gunderson Tri-County Hospital and Clinics name. Tri County CEO Brian Tyler says there are huge positives to the consolidation.

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He says the two main reasons for the affiliation is to increase patient care and to make health care more cost effective. During and after the transition, Tri-County will continue to accept the insurances they currently accept. After the transition, all patients billing statements will come from the consolidated operation, Gunderson Tri-County Hospital and Clinics. There are no plans to reduce overall employment as a result of the affiliation.