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## Council members pleased with Sinai announcement

Members of the Milwaukee Common Council today reacted positively to the announcement that Aurora Sinai Medical Center will stay open and will continue to maintain an emergency department (ER).

**Alderman Robert J. Bauman**, whose 4<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District includes the Sinai campus on N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., said the decision to keep the hospital and ER open and providing services was “the right one.”

“Sinai is a key provider of medical care in the downtown area and for residents across Milwaukee, and I’m pleased that Aurora officials decided to keep the doors open and the access to care available,” Alderman Bauman said.

**Alderman Michael J. Murphy**, chair of the Common Council’s Finance and Personnel Committee, said he was pleased that Aurora leaders see Sinai’s value to the community and are willing to proactively explore possible solutions to emergency and urgent care demand issues.

“I’m pleased Dr. (Nick) Turkal indicated that exploring community partnerships that could help expand urgent care services in the downtown area was worth pursuing, because that can help lessen the demand at Sinai and other facilities,” Alderman Murphy said.

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## **Sinai to stay open/ADD ONE**

**Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr.** said he is encouraged that Sinai is working with the City of Milwaukee Health Department to develop public service announcement to help educate patients on what needs are appropriate for primary care or walk-in centers instead of the ER. “Everyone – including the uninsured and underinsured – needs to receive information and education so they are aware of preventive medical measures and practices that can take care of their issues without a trip to the ER,” said Alderman Hines, who serves as Common Council President.

Earlier this month Council members expressed strong concerns about information circulating in the community that Aurora – because of reported financial losses – was considering closing Sinai or closing down its ER.