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EyeCare Partners Acquires The Ophthalmology Group

ST. LOUIS, MO – March 7, 2018 – EyeCare Partners, LLC (ECP) is pleased to announce its expansion into the Kentucky ophthalmology market with the acquisition of The Ophthalmology Group, the Paducah, Kentucky-based practice of Mark Gillespie, M.D., Landen Meeks, M.D., Jeffery Taylor, M.D., and Carl Baker, M.D.

For more than 50 years, The Ophthalmology Group has been one of the most trusted full-service medical ophthalmology practices in the state of Kentucky, with expertise in Lasik, Cataracts, Eyelid Surgery, Glaucoma, Corneal Transplants, and Retinal Treatment.

“The Ophthalmology Group will be a great asset to ECP. The practice’s longstanding commitment to innovation and patient-focused care aligns well with ECP’s mission,” said Dr. Mark Owens, Regional Medical Director for ECP in Kentucky.

Dr. Mark Gillespie is excited to join the ECP family of ophthalmology and optometry practices. According to Dr. Gillespie, “We are proud to announce our association with ECP, which has the goal of providing the best possible patient-oriented vision services. This partnership will allow us all to provide even better and more comprehensive eye care and eye wear services to our region.”

“Partnering with The Ophthalmology Group, leaders and innovators in Paducah, will allow us to vertically integrate and offer our patients the ultimate in eye care. This combination enables us to expand services and give the patients of Kentucky the latest in surgical technology,” said Dr. James Wachter, Chief Professional Officer of ECP.

ECP Chief Executive Officer Kelly McCrann added, “The team at The Ophthalmology Group is outstanding and we look forward to working closely with the practice to ensure the doctors have all the resources needed to continue to excel in the evolving ophthalmic landscape. We’re confident that the expertise and resources that this new relationship offers will benefit patients throughout Kentucky.”

About EyeCare Partners, LLC

EyeCare Partners is a growing and dynamic leader in acquiring and managing successful primary eyecare practices. Based in Saint Louis, Missouri, EyeCare Partners is comprised of over 240 offices, including locations in Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Alabama, Kansas, Florida, and Georgia.

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