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## **KAISER PERMANENTE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AREA NAMES NEW SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND AREA MANAGER**

### **Georgina Garcia Will Serve as SVP for the Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers**

**FONTANA, January 14, 2020** – Georgina R. Garcia, RN, BSN, MS has been selected as the new Senior Vice President and Area Manager for the Kaiser Permanente San Bernardino County Area. Georgina will be responsible for all Hospital and Health Plan functions at the Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers and throughout San Bernardino County.

Georgina, who began her new role on January 11, has served as Senior Vice President and Area Manager for Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles for the past eight years. She returns to San Bernardino County after serving here as Chief Operating Officer from 2008 through 2012. Georgina was instrumental in the building of both the new Fontana and Ontario hospitals, and carries a wealth of knowledge and experience working in the San Bernardino County Area.

Georgina joined Kaiser Permanente in 1975 as a registered nurse at our Panorama City Medical Center and progressed through a series of positions of increasing responsibility. From 1988 to 1995, she was the department administrator for the CCU and Step-Down Unit at Panorama City. In early 1996, she left KP briefly, but returned in mid-year to join the KP's Regional Hospital Administration. She continued her career advancement, being project lead for the opening of the Baldwin Park Medical Center in October 1998 and then named Assistant Medical Center Administrator/Chief Nurse Executive for KP's Baldwin Park Medical Center. A decade later, in 2008, she became Chief Operating Officer for the Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers. She held this position before assuming her responsibilities at West Los Angeles.

As the Senior Vice President and Area Manager for Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles, Georgina directed operations for all Health Plan and Hospital departments and functions. She also

worked in partnership with the medical center's SCPMG leaders to meet the health needs of the West Los Angeles service area's members and patients. She has been particularly effective in addressing the needs of a complex service area that encompasses a range of socially and economically diverse communities. Her success is exemplified by the exceptional equity, inclusion, and diversity work with the September 2017 opening and ongoing operations of the Baldwin Hills-Crenshaw Medical Offices as well as the launch of the Santa Monica medical offices in May 2016 and relocation of the Playa Vista Medical Offices in June 2020.

Georgina earned a Bachelor of Science degree nursing from California State University, Los Angeles; a master's degree in health care administration from the University of La Verne; and she is a fellow of the California Health Care Foundation's Executive Leadership Program. She lives in Claremont, California.

**About Kaiser Permanente**

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Kaiser Permanente's San Bernardino County Area has provided comprehensive, affordable health care to the Inland Empire for more than 75 years and serves more than 630,000 members. The San Bernardino County Service Area includes the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Fontana and Ontario, and medical offices in Fontana, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Colton, Claremont, Montclair, Chino, San Bernardino, Hesperia, Victorville, Redlands and Upland.

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