



CaroMont Health, an independent health system in Gastonia, NC, announced **Randall L. Kelley**, 53, as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He succeeds Valinda Rutledge, who announced in May 2011 her plans to leave the Gastonia-based CaroMont Health to serve as the Director of the Patient Care Models Group at the CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.

This leadership transition will take place in January 2012.

Mr. Kelley currently serves as Senior Vice President of Inova Health System and CEO of Inova Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg, VA., a position he has held since 2006. Prior to this role, he was president/CEO of Gateway Health System/Triad Hospitals in Clarksville, TN, and also worked for Flower Hospital in Sylvania, Ohio and Bixby Medical Center in Adrian, Michigan.

Kelley's hospital career began as an intern at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He has a master's degree in Healthcare Administration. Over his 32-year health care career, Kelley led his organizations to increase patient satisfaction, employee satisfaction and physician engagement.