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**MORNINGSIDE NURSING AND MEMORY CARE CENTER TEMPORARILY CLOSES  
PATIENTS TRANSFERRED TO BRIARCLIFF HEALTH and REHABILITATION CENTER**

South Bend, IN - On Friday, January 5, 2018, 28 Morningside patients were safely transferred to a nearby sister facility, Briarcliff Health and Rehabilitation Center, 5024 Western Avenue, due to broken water pipes. As a result of extensive damage, Morningside Nursing and Memory Care Center at 18325 Baily Avenue will remain temporarily closed.

“Our staff along with emergency response teams did an outstanding job gathering residents, medications, and belongings so that they could be safely and immediately transferred to Briarcliff,” stated Morningside’s administrator, Angie Divietro.

“It was an enormous undertaking and we extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who worked so hard that night – from emergency responders and ambulance drivers to my incredibly dedicated and hardworking staff. We also thank everyone at Briarcliff -- it was a well-coordinated team effort,” she said.

According to Divietro, ownership of these two facilities had previously contemplated merging into one entity at the Briarcliff site. Briarcliff has recently undergone a complete multi-million dollar renovation resulting in a state-of-the-art building along with expanded services throughout.

“State and federal agencies have been encouraging owners to combine older facilities with newer, more updated ones, both for increased efficiency as well as better quality of care and quality of life,” Divietro added. “The merge just happened a little sooner than we thought.”

For more information about the short- and long-term skilled care offered at Briarcliff, go to: [www.briarcliffsouthbend.com](http://www.briarcliffsouthbend.com) or call (574) 318-4600.