Diskriter Absorbs Some Employees From OVHS&E

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Some Ohio Valley Health Services and Education Corp. staffers have a new employer after they were "absorbed" by a company contracted to provide medical transcription services for Ohio Valley Medical Center and East Ohio Regional Hospital.

Shayna Varner, spokeswoman for the hospitals' parent company OVSH&E, said the partnership was formed in an effort for the hospitals to upgrade their technologies and better align with the rest of the health care industry.

Varner said the hospitals partnered with Diskriter, a health information management company that has been headquartered in Pittsburgh since 1947. Employees who had previously provided such services for OVHS&E continue to do so, but they are now employed by Diskriter.

"Everyone has a job," Varner said. "No one has been laid off, and there are lots of opportunities for them to grow."

She noted the benefits the employees receive through Diskriter are comparable to - or in some cases better than - those offered by OVHS&E. She also stressed no pay cuts resulted from the change and that the employees continue to work at the same locations where they were based prior to the partnership.

"They are all still employed and continue to be an important part of our team," Varner said.

Varner said about 25 staff members were affected.

"Diskriter is very well known, and they offer new strategies and methods in transcription," Varner added. "We're hoping this will be a great partnership for all parties involved."

The move follows a year in which OVHS&E implemented several cost-cutting measures and took steps to shore up its finances. The corporation last year cut about 57 total management positions. It also hired George Couch in December as president and chief executive officer following the resignation of former CEO Brian Felici.

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