

# KentuckyOne Health cuts back legal staff at Jewish Hospital

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KentuckyOne Health has eliminated some legal-services positions at the former Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare as part of a streamlining of administrative functions after a recent merger.

KentuckyOne, formed by January's merger of Jewish & St. Mary's with Lexington-based St. Joseph Health System, said Monday that its parent organization, Denver-based Catholic Health Initiatives, will provide some legal services for it.

KentuckyOne said in a statement, however, that it "will continue to be supported by a legal team in Kentucky" and that attorneys employed by Jewish & St. Mary's have been encouraged to apply for open positions. CHI, which has a controlling interest in KentuckyOne Health, has an office in Erlanger in Northern Kentucky.

The statement didn't say how many [employees](#) are being let go. KentuckyOne spokeswoman Barbara Mackovic said Monday that she didn't know the exact number but that it is small.

The new [company](#) could eliminate some jobs in administrative areas other than legal services, the statement indicated.

As KentuckyOne combines its Louisville and Lexington corporate operations, "some positions in support functions will be changed or lost to reduce duplication," it said. But once Jewish and St. Joseph are fully merged, "we envision adding jobs as we expand services."

KentuckyOne is the state's largest health system with 12 hospitals, more than 12,000 employees and \$1.8 billion in revenue.

The new venture was initially designed to also include [University Hospital](#) in Louisville, but Gov. Steve Beshear rejected that because it would have given a private company control of the public hospital.

KentuckyOne Health hasn't chosen a location for its headquarters. It has hired a site-selection firm to help new Chief Executive Ruth Brinkley with that decision, according to a company website.

Once a headquarters is chosen, some legal services will be provided from there, Mackovic said. The company will base some legal employees in both the Louisville and Lexington markets, she said.