Piedmont Healthcare and UnitedHealthcare Renew Network Relationship

ATLANTA — Aug. 27, 2016— Piedmont Healthcare and UnitedHealthcare today announced they have reached agreement on a three-year contract that will keep all Piedmont Healthcare hospitals and physicians in UnitedHealthcare’s commercial network.

Plan participants enrolled in UnitedHealthcare employer-sponsored and individual plans will have in-network access to the 1,400 physicians in the Piedmont Clinic and all six Piedmont hospitals – Piedmont Atlanta, Piedmont Fayette, Piedmont Mountainside, Piedmont Newnan, Piedmont Henry, and adding Piedmont Newton to this new relationship. The renewed agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2016, ensuring people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare plans do not experience any interruption in their in-network coverage for services received at Piedmont.

“Our priority is our patients and this process has been very tough on them. We are very happy to have found common ground and a way that Piedmont and UnitedHealthcare can work collaboratively to extend high-quality, patient-centered care in our communities,” said Kevin Brown, President and CEO of Piedmont Healthcare. “Our physicians value highly the relationships they have with their patients. The new agreement recognizes the hard work our physicians have put into making the care they provide both higher quality and more cost effective.”

While Piedmont physicians have participated in UnitedHealthcare’s transparency tool for three years, the agreement extends participation to include all Piedmont facilities. This renewed relationship also places more emphasis on value-based performance, ensuring the care patients receive is focused on improved outcomes and overall better health.

“We are grateful for the commitment Piedmont has made to value-based health care and look forward to working together to help people receive personalized and more connected care,” said Garland Scott, CEO, UnitedHealthcare of Georgia. “We thank our plan participants and customers for their support throughout this process and are honored to continue supporting 1.3 million people across Georgia who depend on us for access to quality and cost-effective health care.”

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About Piedmont Healthcare

Piedmont Healthcare is a private, not-for-profit organization that serves nearly two million patients primarily in North Georgia communities but also across the State. The six hospitals include Piedmont Atlanta Hospital, a 529-bed general and specialty acute-care hospital Buckhead; Piedmont Fayette Hospital, a 172-bed, acute-care community hospital in Buckhead; and one of the 100 Top Hospitals® in the nation; Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, a 52-bed community hospital in Jasper; Piedmont Newnan Hospital, a 136-bed, acute-care community hospital in Newnan; Piedmont Henry Hospital, a 215-bed acute-care community hospital in Stockbridge; and Piedmont Newton Hospital, a 97-bed acute-care hospital.
community hospital in Covington. Piedmont Healthcare also is the parent company of Piedmont Heart Institute, providing integrated cardiovascular healthcare by more than 100 cardiovascular and other specialty physicians with 23 office locations; the Piedmont Physicians Group, with more than 120 primary care physicians and 70 specialty physicians in 55 offices throughout north Georgia; the Piedmont Clinic, a 1,400-member physician network; and Piedmont Healthcare Foundation, the philanthropic entity for private fundraising initiatives. For more information, visit piedmont.org.

**About UnitedHealthcare**

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people nationwide live healthier lives by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. The company offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for individuals, employers, military service members, retirees and their families, and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts directly with more than 1 million physicians and care professionals, and 6,000 hospitals and other care facilities nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company. For more information, visit UnitedHealthcare at [www.uhc.com](http://www.uhc.com) or follow @myUHC on Twitter.