

OhioHealth and UnitedHealthcare Launch Initiative to Improve Quality and Keep People Healthy

- *New accountable care model promotes a team approach to patient care*
- *Care providers from across specialties work together to coordinate patient care*
- *More resources committed to sharing information and identifying care opportunities for patients*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Jan. 2018) – OhioHealth Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of OhioHealth, and UnitedHealthcare are launching an accountable care program that promotes a team approach to health care and improves quality, lowers costs and enhances the coordination of people’s care.

This new accountable care relationship enables OhioHealth Group’s Clinically Integrated Network of providers to treat patients using an innovative value-based model focused on keeping people healthy. UnitedHealthcare shares data with OhioHealth Group to inform doctors of patients’ underlying medical conditions, past treatments, gaps in care, medications prescribed, and future care needs. This takes the burden off patients from having to connect information from each of their doctor’s visits themselves, and reduces duplicative tests and improves care coordination across specialties and care settings.

Through this initiative, OhioHealth Group and UnitedHealthcare are able to identify clear, actionable information specific to individual patients’ health needs. This collaboration also improves the ability to identify patients at high risk and help them reduce emergency room visits and readmissions to the hospital, manage their chronic health conditions and take their needed medications.

“Our Clinically Integrated Network of providers have a long history of partnering to deliver exceptional care to our community,” said Philip H. Taylor, Jr., MD, FACS, President and Chief Executive Officer, OhioHealth Group. “Collaborating with UnitedHealthcare serves to build on this strong foundation. Working together is how we can provide the best care and deliver the greatest value to patients.”

Nearly 50,000 people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare’s employer and individual health plans are eligible to benefit from this collaboration.

“UnitedHealthcare and OhioHealth are mutually committed to improving the quality and cost of health care,” said Kurt Lewis, CEO, UnitedHealthcare of Ohio. “By working more collaboratively with local care providers and creating a more connected health care experience, we can help improve patient care and enhance people’s ability to live healthier lives.”

More than 15 million people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare plans across the country have access to accountable care programs, delivered in part through more than 800 accountable care arrangements nationwide as the organization engages in deeper, more collaborative relationships with physicians and hospitals.

Care providers nationwide are showing strong interest in a shift to value-based care. UnitedHealthcare’s total payments to physicians and hospitals that are tied to value-based arrangements have tripled in the last three years to more than \$63 billion. By the end of 2020, UnitedHealthcare expects that figure to reach \$75 billion.

For more information about UnitedHealthcare’s changing relationships with care providers and how value-based programs are helping to improve quality and people’s health, visit www.UHC.com/valuebasedcare

About OhioHealth Group

OhioHealth Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of OhioHealth, a nationally recognized, not-for-profit, charitable, healthcare outreach of the United Methodist Church. Based in Columbus, Ohio, OhioHealth has been recognized as one of the top five large health systems in America by Truven Health Analytics, an honor it has received six times. It is also recognized by FORTUNE as one of the “100 Best Companies to Work For” and has been for 11 years in a row, 2007-2017.

OhioHealth Group manages the OhioHealth Group Clinically Integrated Network (CIN), a collective of providers, hospitals, facilities and payers committed to working collaboratively to standardize and coordinate care across the continuum, improve quality and manage costs – for the purpose of delivering value to those who consume and pay for healthcare.

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 or follow @UHC on Twitter.

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