



## **CHI Health and UnitedHealthcare to Improve Patients' Care in Nebraska and Southwest Iowa**

- *Accountable care collaboration to improve patient experience*
- *More resources committed to sharing information and coordinating patient care*

**OMAHA, Neb. (July 28, 2016)** – CHI Health and UnitedHealthcare launched a new accountable care program aimed at advancing people's health, reducing health care costs and improving the patient experience.

The new accountable care program will make it easier to share important health information while dedicating resources to coordinate care for patients. The goal of care coordination is to improve quality of care while lowering costs. Providing a better patient experience can bring cost savings to employers and patients, and motivates physicians and independent care providers who are part of the UniNet clinical care network. Those savings come from avoiding unnecessary testing, reducing emergency room visits and keeping people healthy.

People enrolled in UnitedHealthcare's employer-sponsored health plans in Nebraska and Southwest Iowa are eligible to benefit from this collaboration.

"Our new accountable care program with UnitedHealthcare will share technology, timely data and patient information to help patients manage their chronic health conditions and develop even stronger relationships with their primary care physicians," said Cliff A. Robertson, M.D., CEO of CHI Health.

Ann Oasan, president of UniNet, a group of more than 2,700 physicians and advanced practice providers, calls the accountable care program a win for everyone.

"We have enjoyed a long partnership with UnitedHealthcare," Oasan said. "Together, we expect to achieve even better health outcomes and improve patient satisfaction, while reducing the overall cost of care. These help bring value to patients, savings to employers and reward to care providers – which is the future of health care."

UnitedHealthcare will supplement UniNet's own data to help support overall population health, giving the entire care team clear, actionable data about individual patients' health needs, potential gaps in care and proactive identification of high-risk patients. Patient navigators may also be used to support community-based care coordination, such as helping with planning after a patient is discharged from the hospital and scheduling follow-up appointments.

"UnitedHealthcare and UniNet are working together to help people receive more personalized and better connected care, which will significantly enhance people's ability to live healthier lives," said Steve Walli, CEO, UnitedHealthcare – Heartland States.

More than 14 million people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare plans across the country have access to accountable care programs, delivered in part through more than 750 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 \$48 billion. By the end of 2018, UnitedHealthcare expects that figure to reach \$65 billion.

For more information about UnitedHealthcare's full spectrum of value-based initiatives, visit [www.UHC.com/valuebasedcare](http://www.UHC.com/valuebasedcare).

### **About CHI Health**

CHI Health is a regional health network with a unified mission: nurturing the healing ministry of the Church while creating healthier communities. Headquartered in Omaha, the combined organization consists of 15 hospitals, two stand-alone behavioral health facilities and more than 150 employed physician practice locations in Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. More than 12,000 employees comprise the workforce of this network that includes 2,820 licensed beds and serves as the primary teaching partner of Creighton University's health sciences schools. In fiscal year 2014, the organization provided a combined \$149.3 million in quantified community benefit including services for the poor, free clinics, education and research. Eight hospitals within the system are designated Magnet, Pathway to Excellence or NICHE. With locations stretching from North Platte, Nebraska, to Missouri Valley, Iowa, the health network is the largest in Nebraska and serves residents of Nebraska and southwest Iowa. For more information, visit online at [CHIhealth.com](http://CHIhealth.com).

### **About UniNet**

UniNet is a local, physician-driven, clinically integrated network bringing together providers from across the state of Nebraska and western Iowa who are dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve. UniNet has been in the Omaha area since 1998 and currently represents 2,700 independent and employed providers, 30 hospitals, and affiliated ancillaries and skilled nursing facilities. UniNet builds on the successes and strengths of CHI Health and affiliated providers to improve patient health, enhance efficiency and succeed in today's changing health care payment and delivery environments.

### **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.

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