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Community Care Partners and Meridian Health Plan Unite to Improve Patient Health *New partnership becomes Illinois' largest and highest quality-rated Medicaid HMO*

CHICAGO (February 23, 2016) – Community Care Partners (CCP) will be partnering with Meridian Health Plan to better serve the growing population of Medicaid beneficiaries in northern Cook and Lake Counties. This will take effect May 1, 2016. The 41,000 CCP members will not experience any change or disruption in care.

NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) created CCP as an Accountable Care Entity (ACE) in 2014 and included three other regional healthcare providers that remain committed to improving efficiency and access to quality care. CCP originally partnered with the State of Illinois as an ACE, but changes in the state's Medicaid program led CCP to join Meridian Health Plan.

“We are very pleased to be partnering with Meridian Health Plan to continue our goal of providing exceptional healthcare service for our patients,” said Ben Fisk, Assistant Vice President of Business Services at NorthShore. “We believe Meridian's commitment and dedication to quality care, innovative technologies and regional customer focus best position CCP and its members to thrive in this partnership.”

CCP is comprised of NorthShore, Erie Family Health Center, Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center and Vista Health System. All four will continue to deliver high-quality and coordinated care to members, only now as part of Meridian Health Plan.

Meridian Health Plan is the only plan providing services in all five regions of the state, making it Illinois' largest Medicaid HMO. It is also Illinois' highest rated quality Medicaid HMO with a rating of 4 out of 5 in the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2015–2016. NCQA is a national leader in healthcare accreditation.

“We are excited about the impact this partnership will have on coordinating care for the enrollees in northern Cook and Lake Counties,” said David Livingston, Meridian Health Plan's President and Chief Operating Officer in Illinois. “Meridian will be collaborating with CCP to create a healthcare delivery model that will provide quality-based outcomes to the populations serviced through this partnership.”

About Meridian Health Plan

[Meridian Health Plan](http://www.mhplan.com) is headquartered in Detroit, Michigan with operations in Michigan and Illinois. Its affiliates include Medicaid and Medicare health plans and prescription drug plans, a commercial plan available through the [Health Insurance Marketplace](#), and [MeridianRx](#), a Pharmacy Benefit Management company. [Meridian Health Plan](#) currently serves more than 750,000 members with 240,000 of those members enrolled in its Illinois Medicaid HMO. For more information, visit www.mhplan.com.