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### **MeridianHealth to Strengthen Provider Network through Value-Based Agreement with Together Health Network**

DETROIT (Jan. 24, 2017) – MeridianHealth (Meridian) and Together Health Network (THN) have announced a new value-based partnership which promotes high quality health care.

This innovative value-based agreement is structured to improve quality of care for the Michigan MeridianHealth members aligned with THN while also increasing access to THN's comprehensive network. THN's network consists of 29 of Michigan's highest ranked hospitals, more than 5,500 physicians and practices, skilled nursing and long-term care facilities, home health, hospice, and durable medical equipment providers. The agreement will cover more than 60,000 Meridian and THN members in Michigan, aligning quality and adding value to ensure members can access the right care at the right time in the appropriate setting.

“We are looking forward to the growth of Meridian and THN through this partnership,” said Jon Cotton, president and COO, Meridian. “At Meridian we put care above all else and we are glad to have a partner like THN who believes in our passion to assist members in receiving high quality, low-cost health care.”

THN connects Michiganders to a trusted, patient-centric healthcare system through their defined network, offering value-based, comprehensive, coordinated care. Approximately 75% of Michiganders are within 20 minutes of a THN provider.

“Together Health Network is committed to providing accessible, coordinated and effective care to those we serve,” said Scott Eathorne, MD, president and CEO, THN. “Building this relationship with Meridian will support our model of team-based care, which is committed to positive outcomes.”

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#### **About Meridian**

Meridian is a family-owned, family-operated group of health plans with offices in Michigan and Illinois. Meridian's affiliates include MeridianHealth (Medicaid), MeridianCare (Medicare), MeridianChoice (Health Insurance Marketplace), and MeridianRx, a Pharmacy Benefit Management company. Meridian serves more than 850,000 members in five states. For more information, visit [www.mhplan.com](http://www.mhplan.com).

#### **About Together Health Network**

Together Health Network provides Michiganders with connected, trusted and complete health care that is person-centered, physician led, and supported by a broad network of hospitals and health centers serving the majority of the state. It's a collaboration of Michigan-based health systems Ascension Health, Trinity Health and the University of Michigan, together with physicians and other respected care partners statewide. For more information, visit <http://www.togetherhealthnetwork.org>.