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### **MeridianHealth Awarded 2018 Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Contract**

**DETROIT August 14, 2017** –MeridianHealth (Meridian) has been selected as one of the Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) for the new Illinois contract period beginning January 2018. Meridian was one of nine companies that bid for the new contract, and on Aug. 11, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services announced five statewide plans and an additional plan in Cook County.

Meridian is Illinois' largest Medicaid MCO with over 19 percent of the current market. As one of five MCOs selected to provide Medicaid coverage across the entire state of Illinois, Meridian will work with the State and fellow MCOs to ensure a seamless transition for the Illinois residents experiencing the switch under the State's new contract.

"We are excited and honored to continue the great work we've been doing since 2008 and look forward to expanding throughout the state of Illinois," said Karen Brach, president, Meridian – Illinois. "We are preparing for the growth that will take place and are confident we will continue to ensure our members receive the highest quality of care."

"As the largest Medicaid MCO in the state, Meridian remains committed to serving the people of Illinois into the future," said Ray Pitera, chief development officer and executive vice president, Meridian. "We look forward to expanding into these new communities and appreciate the confidence the State of Illinois has in Meridian."

Meridian leadership is eager for the opportunity to continue to arrange and facilitate improved access to care for Illinois citizens, and create innovative solutions to lower costs and increase healthy 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 900,000 members in three states. For more information, visit [www.mhplan.com](http://www.mhplan.com).