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QualCare Collaborates with Eight New Jersey Health Systems to Launch Community Care Network

- Will bring quality, affordable care to communities throughout the state
- Includes health and wellness programs and coordinated care

Piscataway, N.J. – July 10, 2017 – QualCare, Inc., a Cigna company, has collaborated with eight New Jersey health systems to launch the innovative Community Care Network that will bring quality health care at reasonable costs to communities throughout New Jersey.

The new Community Care Network brings innovation to how health care is delivered. The sole mission of this collaboration is designed to deliver high-quality health care within the community. With a solution for all statuses within the spectrum of health, participating members not only realize the benefit of quality health and wellness programs when healthy, but also receive true coordination of care in times of need.

The Community Care Network is a collaboration between QualCare and eight local health systems comprising 13 acute care hospitals and three children’s hospitals, supplemented by the QualCare Regional HMO Network, or in some instances, the Cigna® Open Access Plus for Shared Administration network. Small businesses and large have access to the Community Care Network through multiple distribution channels across multiple payers and third party administrators. A majority of membership has been through the Affiliated Physicians and Employers Health Plan (a New Jersey self-funded MEWA). The overarching demand for this network has led to QualCare, in partnership with Cigna, to offer a large-group, self-funded option as well.

QualCare has a history of being a provider-centric company in which participating hospitals and providers are incentivized to improve health outcomes. Using a proprietary data portal, physicians have access to their patients’ health information, which enables true coordination of care. As participants in a value-based arrangement, physicians are accountable for appropriate member care, driving improved health measures for the Community Care Network population.

“When doctors and health plans work together to fulfill their mission to improve patient care, everyone benefits. The ultimate goal is improved health outcomes, better quality of care, and a reduced probability of additional or deteriorating health statuses,” said Lawrence Downs, CEO, Medical Society of New Jersey.

The participating health systems are:

- Atlantic Health System
- CentraState Healthcare System
- East Orange General Hospital

- Holy Name Medical Center
- Saint Peter's Healthcare System
- St. Joseph's Healthcare System
- Trinitas Regional Medical Center
- Valley Health System

"We listen to our members. They are at the forefront of everything we do. We realize how important it is to them to have affordable coverage that will enable them to obtain their health care in the areas where they work and live," said Dawn Clessuras, Chief Operating Officer, QualCare, Inc. "We believe this collaboration between hospitals, physicians and health care payers is a way to provide members in the local communities with access to high-quality health care coverage at a cost people can afford."

About QualCare

QualCare is among New Jersey's largest Managed Care Organizations started by provider sponsors. It offers self-funded PPO, HMO network, point of service (POS) network, and open access health plans; third party administration (TPA) services, provider network access, care management services, wellness programs, and a workers' compensation product. QualCare also provides ACO consultative services and infrastructure, a small group association health plan and insurance management services.

Headquartered in Piscataway, New Jersey, QualCare, a wholly-owned subsidiary of QualCare Alliance Networks, Inc. (QANI), services over 180,000 members, with clientele that spans health systems, unions, local governments, school boards and commercial employers. QualCare's network covers over 100 acute, specialty rehabilitation hospitals, as well as over 35,000 physicians and other ancillary providers across New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. For more information, visit www.qualcareinc.com.

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