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## <u>Allina Health</u> joins <u>UCare</u> Individual and Family plans network UCare MNsure plans are only plans to cover <u>Allina Health</u>, <u>Fairview Health Services</u> and <u>Park Nicollet</u>

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 12, 2019 — Starting Oct. 1, 2019, <u>UCare</u>, a community-based, nonprofit health plan, will expand its provider network to include Allina Health for Individual and Family plan members. The Twin Cities area Allina Health system includes 11 hospitals, 90+ clinics and 6,000 associated and employed physicians. UCare's Individual and Family plans available through MNsure will be the only health plans to feature three major care systems – Allina Health, Fairview Health Services and Park Nicollet – in their network.

Allina Health and UCare share a common mission to improve the health of communities through exceptional care and service. Both organizations put the member/patient at the center. "Our members wanted access to Allina Health doctors and facilities, and our long-term partnership with Allina Health in our Medicare and Medicaid product lines naturally led to this network expansion," said Ghita Worcester, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer. "We are aligned around mutual goals to provide our members and patients a path to the best health of their lives."

"We are pleased that Allina Health's services will soon be covered by UCare's Individual and Family plans available through MNsure," said Maria Lima-Leite, Allina Health Vice President for Payer Relations. "As one of Minnesota's largest health care providers, Allina Health offers high quality, comprehensive care at more than 150 convenient locations."

UCare currently has the largest enrollment of Individual and Family plans through MNsure – 32,000+ members. Since MNsure's opening in 2014, UCare has been committed to offering and expanding plans for people who buy health insurance on their own. UCare Individual and Family plans are available in 28 Minnesota counties and offer some of the lowest rates on MNsure.

## About UCare

<u>UCare</u> is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 430,000 members throughout Minnesota and parts of western Wisconsin. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver Medicare, Medicaid and Individual & Family health plans.

The health plan addresses health care disparities and care access issues through a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for ten consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

## About Allina Health

<u>Allina Health</u> is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of illness and enhancing the greater health of individuals, families and communities throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin. A not-for-profit health care system, Allina Health cares for patients from beginning to end-of-life through its <u>90+ clinics</u>, <u>11 hospitals</u>, <u>15 retail pharmacies</u>, <u>specialty care centers and specialty medical services</u>, <u>home care</u>, <u>home oxygen and</u> <u>medical equipment</u> and <u>emergency medical transportation services</u>

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