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<u>UCare</u> achieves Health Plan Accreditation from the <u>National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)</u> for all products

UCare is one of few Minnesota health plans accredited by NCQA across all of its lines of business

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 14, 2020 – <u>UCare's</u> full line of Medicare, Medicaid and Individual & Family health plans has earned Health Plan Accreditation from the <u>National</u> <u>Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)[®]</u>. This achievement for all health plan products is uncommon in Minnesota.

NCQA Health Plan Accreditation evaluates how well a health plan manages all parts of its delivery system – physicians, hospitals, other providers and administrative services – in order to continuously improve the quality of care and services provided to its members.

In order to achieve this recognition, UCare partners with health care providers and community organizations to deliver the highest quality of care and support for our members and the community. UCare has maintained an Excellent accreditation status since 2014 and the recent expansion of accreditation of all UCare products attests to UCare's commitment to the highest standards of quality.

"This significant achievement demonstrates that UCare is a health plan dedicated to advancing high quality care, and improving the health and well-being of all members," said UCare President and CEO Mark Traynor. "The significant effort we put in to accredit all of our products underscores our core commitment to quality."

About UCare

<u>UCare</u> is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 500,000 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. All of its plans are National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) certified.

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 NCQA

NCQA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's website (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more-informed health care choices. NCQA can be found online at ncqa.org, on Twitter @ncqa, on Facebook at facebook.com/NCQA.org/ and on LinkedIn at linkedin.com/company/ncqa.

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