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Darin McDonald joins UCare as Vice President, Chief Information Officer Visionary leader to advance UCare's information technology strategy

MINNEAPOLIS, April 9, 2021 – <u>UCare</u> has hired Darin McDonald as the community-based, nonprofit health plan's new Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO). McDonald succeeds Dave Albright who served as CIO from 2017 until his retirement at the end of March 2021.



McDonald brings more than 25 years of technology leadership to UCare. In addition to in-depth knowledge of health care and product solutions, he is adept at bridging

the gap between operational business units and engineering to enable success. He has extensive experience in strategic planning, team development, budgeting and program management.

Prior to joining UCare, McDonald was CIO for AIM Specialty Health (Chicago, III) where he led all aspects of engineering, architecture and information technology at a \$1B clinical pathways organization. Previous experience includes Chief Administrative Officer at Sentry Data Systems (Deerfield Beach, Fla), Corporate Healthcare Strategy Officer at UST Global (Atlanta, Ga) and CIO and VP of Operations at NASCO – a Blue Cross subsidiary (Atlanta, Ga). McDonald began his career as a systems engineer and enterprise architect, rising to leadership positions over the course of his employment.

McDonald reports to Hilary Marden-Resnik, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. "Darin has expertise in many areas that are critical to UCare's success including developing and executing IT strategies to support business strategies; core, digital transformation and other enterprise system implementations; health care analytics; IT service management; and product development/ implementation," said Marden-Resnik. "Additionally, Darin shares a passion for UCare's mission and will bring a leadership style that aligns with our culture."

As Vice President and Chief Information Officer at UCare, McDonald provides vision and strategic direction for UCare's technology staff and systems to enable the health plan to efficiently and effectively serve members and business partners. He oversees all areas of IT operations including architecture, infrastructure, applications, web, security, quality assurance, data and service. McDonald is responsible for establishing and implementing UCare's technology vision, strategy and roadmap in alignment with organizational strategies and priorities.

McDonald has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a Minor in Computer Science from North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND). He lives with his family in Minneapolis, Minn.

About UCare

<u>UCare</u> is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 550,000 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 UCare health plans have earned accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

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 11 consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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