

Performance improvement expert Jodie Dvorkin, MD, is new UCare Medical Director

Two new part-time medical directors round out the team

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 5, 2022 – [UCare](#) has hired [Jodie Dvorkin, MD](#), to join the community-based, nonprofit health plan's Medical Director team. Dr. Dvorkin brings years of health care performance improvement expertise to UCare's Medical Director team. In her role at UCare, she will be responsible for conducting day-to-day medical management and leading ongoing improvement in collaboration with Health Services.



Prior to joining UCare, Dr. Dvorkin was Associate Medical Director at ICSI (formerly the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement) where she managed ICSI clinical guidelines, and participated in the ICSI Immunization Work Group, and the Minnesota Health Collaborative Opioid and Mental Health Initiatives. Previously, Dr. Dvorkin led projects for the American Medical Association-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (PCPI) in Chicago.

“Dr. Dvorkin’s strong grounding in preventive services and clinical guidelines is a great asset to UCare,” said Julia Joseph-Di Caprio, UCare Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. “She will advance our work to provide all members a path to the best health for their lives.”

Dr. Dvorkin earned her M.D. from Emory University and MPH from the University of Illinois. She completed Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency training at the University of Chicago, and a Preventive Medicine Residency at the John H. Stronger, Jr. Hospital in Chicago.

Two new part-time Medical Directors were also recently hired to support UCare’s growing membership and medical management needs. [Michelle O’Brien, MD, MPH](#),

and [Sarah Bronner, MD, MPH](#) began conducting day-to-day medical management reviews in December 2021.

Dr. O'Brien is a family physician who has practiced in a variety of settings over the last 20 years including rural practice, academic medicine and private practice. She has an MPH in maternal and child health and has served on the MDH Maternal and Child Health Advisory Task force for the last five years. She currently provides telemedicine mental health care at Lyra Health and telehealth women's health care at Maven Clinic. Dr. Bronner practices Occupational Medicine.

About UCare

[UCare](#) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 580,000 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 are accredited by 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 12 consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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