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## UCare & Fairview Intend to Combine Health Care Expertise

This week, UCare and Fairview signed a letter of intent to combine our health care and insurance expertise. The combined health care expertise and experience within our organizations will bring a new approach to ensuring community-based care for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans. Over the next few months, we will determine important operational and structural details of this exciting collaboration.

This news does not affect UCare's provider contracts, current health plan offerings, covered services, payment structures or contractual terms. UCare will retain its contracts and key provider relationships with its broad network throughout the state. UCare and Fairview have agreed that UCare will partner with other health care systems, clinics and providers, now and in the future. Similarly, Fairview will continue to collaborate with other health plans in the region, and continue to offer its high quality provider networks and services.

UCare is joining with Fairview to strengthen our ability to offer affordable, mission-focused products and services in an increasingly competitive insurance market. While UCare is strong and stable, affiliating with Fairview provides us the opportunity to grow and diversify our products, and to work with all network providers to deliver and finance comprehensive and integrated health care services that benefit our members and the larger community.

Upon execution of the agreement, UCare will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fairview, and Jim Eppel will remain as UCare President and CEO.

Our intent is to grow our service area and broaden our product offerings by leveraging the skills and expertise of the staff across both organizations.

Click [here](#) for the press release regarding this new partnership.

Thank you for your trust in UCare and your service to our members. We look forward to partnering with you for years to come.