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MetroHealth and CareSource Launch Innovative Population Health Collaboration *Creating a healthier community while lowering health care costs*

(Cleveland) – The MetroHealth System has signed an agreement with CareSource to improve health outcomes for CareSource Medicaid members.

CareSource, a nonprofit health plan, is one of the nation’s largest Managed Medicaid plans, serving more than 1.4 million members with headquarters in Dayton.

Effective June 1, 2015, the innovative program is designed to increase outreach efforts to educate, increase member participation and engagement in vital health care and coordinated services. The program goal is to develop a customized approach to member relationships with primary care providers to help manage care.

“This partnership with CareSource benefits everyone because more people can stay healthy and out of the hospital,” said Akram Boutros, MD, president and CEO of MetroHealth. “This is a win for patients as well as taxpayers who help fund Ohio’s Medicaid program.”

The collaboration will initially serve the 72,000 current CareSource members who receive primary care from MetroHealth providers. There will be a focus on MetroHealth’s population health management expertise, including optimal patient engagement, data analyses and leveraging collective resources with CareSource. MetroHealth will be able to further demonstrate its ability to manage quality metrics, such as those focused on prenatal care, child well visits, and disease treatments.

“Our agreement with MetroHealth is key in building additional member touch points that can ultimately improve health outcomes. At CareSource we are committed to improving the health and well-being of our members and MetroHealth, a leader in academic and medical care, is a good resource for implementing this innovative program,” said Steve Ringel, President of the CareSource Ohio Market.

The MetroHealth System most recently operated successful population health initiatives including MetroHealth Care Plus, which provided 30,000 individuals with cost-effective pre-Medicaid-expansion coverage, MetroHealth Care Partners Accountable Care Organization, Red Carpet Care, Partners in Care, and Patient Centered Medical Homes.

About The MetroHealth System

The MetroHealth System is an essential hospital committed to providing health care to everyone in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and improving the health of the community overall. Its 6,000 employees deliver care to everyone at its main campus, just west of downtown Cleveland, and at 16 community health centers. MetroHealth is home to Cuyahoga County's only Adult Level I Trauma Center and Comprehensive Burn Care Center. In the past year, MetroHealth provided more than one million patient visits in its hospital and community health centers.

MetroHealth is also an academic medical center committed to teaching and research; each of its active physicians holds a faculty appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. MetroHealth has earned Magnet status, which places it in the top seven percent of all hospitals nationwide for nursing excellence.

MetroHealth's mission is, "Leading the way to a healthier you and a healthier community through service, teaching, discovery and teamwork." For more information, visit www.metrohealth.org.

About CareSource

CareSource, a nonprofit health plan, is one of the nation's largest Managed Medicaid Plans. Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio CareSource serves more than 1.4 million consumers in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. CareSource is living its mission to make a difference in our members' lives by improving their health and well-being. CareSource understands the challenges consumers face navigating the health system and works to put health care in reach for those it serves.