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UCare hires Larry Lee, M.D., as health plan's Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer

MINNEAPOLIS, May 10, 2016 – [UCare](#) has hired Lawrence (Larry) H. Lee, M.D., as the not-for-profit health plan's Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer (CMO).

In his new senior leadership position, Dr. Lee has overall responsibility for UCare's clinical and quality practices and medical policies. He provides strategic guidance and clinical leadership, and oversees the Medical Director team and UCare's Pharmacy, Clinical Services and Quality Management departments.

Dr. Lee reports to Jim Eppel, UCare's President and Chief Executive Officer.



"UCare will benefit from Dr. Lee's deep understanding of Minnesotans and their health needs, as well as health informatics, integrated systems, specialty groups and accountable care relationships," said Eppel. "He also has extensive experience in activities relating to quality scores, Medicare Star ratings and quality of care matters. We welcome his values and commitment to UCare and our membership."

In addition to holding several health care executive positions, Dr. Lee has been a practicing internal medicine physician between 2000 and the present.

He most recently spent a year as a staff physician and clinician educator with the Veterans Health Administration in Minneapolis, Minn. Prior to that, Dr. Lee spent three years as Vice President and Executive Medical Director for Quality and Provider Relations at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (BCBS) in Eagan, Minn. His responsibilities included overseeing the health plan's quality department, Medicare Stars measurement and improvement, and companywide activities related to quality of care, health status and member experience. He also provided medical leadership for BCBS' provider contracting department and for Blue Plus, the health maintenance organization subsidiary of BCBS.

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Before joining BCBS, Dr. Lee was Associate Health Plan Medical Director at HealthPartners in Bloomington, Minn., while also serving as an internal medicine physician delivering primary care. Previous positions include National Medical Director for Transparency and Designation Programs for UnitedHealthcare in Minnetonka, Minn., and staff internal medicine physician and assistant professor at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Dr. Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Biology at Stanford University followed with a Medical Degree from Harvard Medical School and a Master in Business Administration in Health Care Management degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and licensed to practice medicine in Minnesota.

Dr. Lee and his family live in Minneapolis, Minn.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, not-for-profit health plan providing health care and administrative services to members throughout Minnesota. UCare partners with health care providers, counties and community organizations to create and deliver:

- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)-[accredited plans](#) for Minnesotans shopping on [MNSure](#).
- [Coverage for adults with disabilities](#).
- [Medicare plans](#) with an “Excellent” NCQA rating, and a [new partnership](#) with Essentia Health in northern Minnesota.
- [Programs for older Minnesotans with Medical Assistance or with both Medical Assistance and Medicare](#).
- Income-based [Medicaid](#) and [MinnesotaCare](#) coverage for Olmsted County residents.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through its [UCare Foundation](#) grants and a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for six consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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