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UCare's Medicare plan tops national rankings

National Committee for Quality Assurance rates plan as "Excellent"

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 16, 2017 — UCare announced today that its *UCare for Seniors* Medicare plan in Minnesota was recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for excellent member experience and quality outcomes. This recognition bolsters confidence in UCare's Medicare offerings for Minnesotans searching for the right plan during open enrollment.



UCare's Medicare plan is one of the highest-rated plans in NCQA's Health Plan Report Card nationwide listings, and one of only two Medicare plans awarded Excellent accreditation in Minnesota. This is a repeat performance. From 2014-2016, UCare's Medicare plan was also awarded the highest level of accreditation possible from NCQA.

"Our UCare team strives to meet and exceed stringent NCQA requirements promising our members high-quality and high-value health care," said Mark Traynor, President and CEO, UCare. "We are proud to sustain these outstanding performance levels for four consecutive years."

"NCQA's Excellent Accreditation status is reserved for the best health plans in the nation. It is only awarded to those plans that meet or exceed NCQA's rigorous requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement and deliver excellent clinical care," said Margaret E. O'Kane, President, NCQA.

U.S. News & World Report Best Medicare Plan



In addition to the NCQA honor, UCare's Medicare plan was ranked among the best Medicare Advantage plans in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report Best Medicare Plans 2018 rankings. The publication uses data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Stars ratings to designate the best plans. UCare's Medicare plan has 4.5 out of 5 Stars.

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations and recognizes clinicians in key clinical areas. NCQA's HEDIS® is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's web site (www.ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, not-for-profit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 370,000 members throughout Minnesota. UCare partners with health care providers, counties and community organizations to create and deliver:

- [Medicare plans](#) with an “Excellent” NCQA rating, and a [partnership](#) with Essentia Health in northern Minnesota.
- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)-[accredited plans](#) for Minnesotans shopping on [MNSure](#).
- Plans for [adults with disabilities who have Medical Assistance](#) and who have [both Medical Assistance and Medicare](#).
- [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 a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for seven consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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