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UCare's Patrick Mitsch named a Top 10 Industry Emerging Leader

***Mitsch receives national Top 10 Up-and-Coming Leader
recognition from Managed Healthcare Executive magazine***

MINNEAPOLIS, May 2, 2018 — UCare's Patrick Mitsch, Pharmacy Director, was selected by Managed Healthcare Executive magazine as one of ten nationally recognized emerging leaders in managed care. The magazine selected Pat on the merits of his dynamic leadership in key pharmacy initiatives and actions that support the health of UCare members.



The 2018 top 10 emerging health care industry leaders were selected from more than 30 nominees based on the following criteria:

- Worked in the industry 15 years or fewer
- Led key initiatives at their organizations
- Taken actions that led to measurable, positive industry impacts
- Accomplished something new or unique in the industry
- Continued to take on more advanced roles and responsibilities in their career

Mitsch describes says what drives him to do outstanding work at UCare is that “I can positively impact patient care for those communications and populations that need it most, including communities where I grew up and worked.” UCare Chief Medical Officer, Larry Lee, M.D., says, “Pat is deeply committed to improving the health of our members. He has a strong vision of how to produce positive outcomes for members through use of medications. His team has made significant progress on medication adherence, cost management and opioid control goals.”

After receiving a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota in 2012, Mitsch worked as a retail pharmacy manager for CVS. He then joined CVS' health

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Insurance arm, Caremark, in 2013 as a clinical pharmacist in its Medicare business unit. He came to UCare in 2015, and quickly ascended to Pharmacy Director in 2017. At UCare, Mitsch, now 31, applies his community experience to lead innovative quality programs that advance medication adherence and focus on preventive opioid management, cost containment, and member and provider education.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, not-for-profit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 400,000 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](#).
- [MinnesotaCare](#) and [Prepaid Medical Assistance](#) programs across the state.
- [Medicare plans](#) with an “Excellent” NCQA rating, and a [partnership](#) with Essentia Health in northern Minnesota.
- Programs for [older Minnesotans with Medical Assistance](#), or with both [Medical Assistance and Medicare](#).

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 eight consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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Photo attached: Patrick Mitsch, Pharmacy Director, UCare