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UCare honors 13 health care providers at “A Salute to Excellence!”

Minnesota clinics and care systems recognized for outstanding results in 2017 HEDIS measures

MINNEAPOLIS, November 1, 2018 – [UCare](#) held its ninth annual “A Salute to Excellence!” event Thursday evening, October 25, to recognize 13 clinics and care systems with top results in 2017 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures.

The awards dinner is held annually. This year’s event recognized health care providers for providing outstanding, high-quality service to UCare’s Medicare and Medicaid members in Minnesota in 2017.

A Salute to Excellence! at the University of Minnesota’s McNamara Alumni Center included a reception, dinner and awards program. In addition, leaders from Children’s Minnesota and Fairview Clinics presented innovative approaches to closing health gaps for patients facing socio-economic challenges.

Mark Traynor, President and CEO, UCare, and Dr. Julia Joseph-Di Caprio, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, UCare, presented guests with UCare Excellence in Health Care awards for their quality results. “We know how hard our provider partners work throughout the year to help UCare members enjoy the best health for their lives. This evening of celebration is so important for recognizing the excellent work and dedication of these providers,” said Traynor at the event. “We value each provider and the power of the partnerships we have forged to support UCare members across Minnesota.”

A Salute to Excellence! honored the following clinics and care systems for quality in these categories:

Medicaid:

- Mayo Clinic
- Olmsted Medical Center

Medicare:

- Burnsville Family Physicians
- CentraCare

- Mankato Clinic
- Mayo Clinic
- Park Nicollet
- HealthPartners Stillwater Medical Group

Minnesota Senior Health Options:

- Allina Health Clinics
- CentraCare
- EssentiaCare
- Hennepin Healthcare
- Mankato Clinic
- Mayo Clinic
- Sanford

Special Needs BasicCare:

- Carris Health
- CentraCare
- Essentia Health
- Mankato Clinic
- Mayo Clinic
- University of Minnesota Physicians

About UCare

[UCare](#) is an independent, nonprofit 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:

- [Medicare plans](#) with an “Excellent” NCQA rating, and partnerships with Fairview and North Memorial in the metro, and with Essentia Health in northern Minnesota and western Wisconsin.
- [Individual and Family Plans and partnership with Fairview](#) available on [MNSure](#)
- [Coverage for adults with disabilities, MinnesotaCare](#) and [Prepaid Medical Assistance](#) programs
- 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 nine consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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