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UCare's “A Salute to Excellence!” celebrates 22 health care providers
Minnesota clinics and care systems recognized for
outstanding 2018 HEDIS results

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 9, 2019 — [UCare](#), a community-based, nonprofit health plan, held its 11th annual “A Salute to Excellence!” event Thursday evening, Sept. 26, to honor 22 Minnesota clinics and care systems with top results in 2018 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures.

The awards dinner recognized health care providers’ performance delivering high-quality care to UCare’s Medicare, Medicaid and Special Needs Plan members.

A Salute to Excellence! at the University of Minnesota’s McNamara Alumni Center included a reception, dinner and awards program. Leaders from [St. Luke’s Health Care System](#) presented screening and early interventions for substance abuse, and leaders from [North Memorial Health](#) presented high-impact community paramedic services.

UCare President and CEO Mark Traynor and Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Julia Joseph-Di Caprio, MD, honored guests with UCare Excellence in Health Care Awards for their quality results. “Our health care provider partners are an essential part of UCare’s people power. We are grateful for your hard work in serving our members and providing them a path for their best health.” said Traynor at the event. “We also continue to support your innovative approaches to improve social determinants of health for our members and their communities.”

Dr. Joseph-Di Caprio added, “Joining with you tonight inspires meaningful conversations about improving our members’ and patients’ health. Your clinics and care systems significantly impacted our members’ access to preventive care, disease management, behavioral health services, maternity care, and assistance with care transitions and medication management.”

A Salute to Excellence! honored the following clinics and care systems from across Minnesota:

- Allina Health
- CentraCare
- Children's Health Network
- Community-University Health Care Center, University of Minnesota
- Fairview Physician Associates
- Grand Itasca Clinic
- Hennepin Healthcare
- M Physicians
- Mankato Clinic
- Mayo Clinic
- Minnesota Community Care, East Side Clinic
- NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center
- Northwest Family Clinics
- Olmsted Medical Center
- Park Nicollet
- Riverwood Healthcare Center
- Sanford Health
- Stillwater Medical Group
- St. Luke's Health Care System
- United Family Medicine
- Voyage Healthcare
- Winona Health Services

About UCare

[UCare](#) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 430,000 members throughout Minnesota and parts of western Wisconsin. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver Medicare, Medicaid and Individual & Family health plans.

The health plan 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 ten consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.