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UCare, Fairview and North Memorial Health partner to launch new Medicare Advantage plan in 2019

***UCare Medicare with Fairview and North Memorial Health plan will
offer an all-encompassing Minnesota health care experience***

MINNEAPOLIS, September 17, 2018 – At a time when Cost Plans are being phased out by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), three leading health care organizations in the Twin Cities – UCare, Fairview Health Services and North Memorial Health – are teaming up to offer a new Medicare Advantage HMO-POS (Health Maintenance Organization – Point of Service) plan to eligible individuals in 8 metro counties: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Washington. Complete plan information will be available Oct. 1, 2018, during the Medicare Annual Election Period. Individuals can start enrolling Oct. 15, 2018, for 2019 coverage.

UCare Medicare with Fairview and North Memorial Health features an accountable care model. Under this model, members receive care in a defined yet comprehensive health network. The health network partners with UCare to deliver highly-coordinated care. This benefits plan members through a personalized health care experience, improved quality of care and better managed costs.

Members of the plan will gain an extensive network of providers from Fairview, HealthEast, North Memorial Health and a quality network of independent providers who provide primary and specialty care throughout the health systems. The network also includes the University of Minnesota Medical Center, one of the leading medical centers in the United States. In total, the network spans 3,300+ affiliated providers, 12 hospitals and medical centers, nearly 700 clinic locations and 40+ retail pharmacies. Members will have convenient access no matter where they live in the 8 counties.

“We’re thrilled to partner with this unique network of longstanding, high-quality local providers. The new plan brings Fairview and North Memorial Health patients the benefits of our Medicare expertise paired with services from their trusted doctors,” says UCare CEO and President Mark Traynor. “Working together, we will streamline care and coverage to deliver exceptional value.”

“As one of the state’s most comprehensive and geographically accessible health systems, it’s our privilege to care for the members of our communities each day – whatever their health care need,” says Mark Welton, MD, MHCM, Chief Medical Officer at Fairview. “We’re excited to bring our full spectrum of health care services closer to home for people with Medicare and to work with local, trusted partners, UCare and North Memorial Health, to make accessing and using health care easier and simpler through these plans.”

“Customer choice and empowerment is at the center of the care we provide at North Memorial Health. Partnerships such as this one, with Fairview and UCare, provide seniors with access to high-quality providers and comprehensive services,” says Dr. J. Kevin Croston, North Memorial Health CEO.

About UCare

[UCare](#) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health coverage 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 an array of [Medicare](#), [Medicaid](#) and [Individual and Family Plans](#). The health plan addresses health care disparities through its [UCare Foundation](#) grants and a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has been a Star Tribune Top Workplace nine consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

About Fairview Health Services

Fairview Health Services (fairview.org) is a Minneapolis-based nonprofit health system driven to heal, discover and educate for longer, healthier lives. Founded in 1906, Fairview provides exceptional care to patients and communities as one of the most comprehensive and geographically accessible systems in Minnesota. Through a close relationship with the University of Minnesota, Fairview offers access to breakthrough medical research and specialty expertise as part of a continuum of care that reaches all ages and health needs.

About North Memorial Health

At North Memorial Health, we are on a mission to change healthcare. We’re delivering unmatched customer service and empowering our customers throughout the Twin Cities to achieve their best health. North Memorial Health offers a complete spectrum of primary care and specialty services to meet customer’s unique healthcare needs. North Memorial Health provides access to the high-quality, low-cost care throughout the Twin Cities through its specialty and primary care clinics, home care offering, medical transportation services and two hospitals – North Memorial Health Hospital and Maple Grove Hospital – and 900+ doctors and 5,000+ team members that are dedicated to delivering a more connected experience for our customers. Learn more at www.NorthMemorial.com.

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