



## **Accountable Care Coalition of Northeast Georgia Generates \$8.7 Million in Total Savings for the Medicare Shared Savings Program**

**TAMPA, Fla., and AUGUSTA, Ga. (Oct. 14, 2019)** – Collaborative Health Systems, a WellCare Health Plans, Inc. (NYSE: WCG) company, announced today the more than 30 providers in the Accountable Care Coalition (ACC) of Northeast Georgia generated \$8.7 million in total savings for the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) for performance years 2017 and 2018, according to figures released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Shared savings earned by the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) during the two performance years were over \$3.9 million.

This marks the second year the ACC of Northeast Georgia, a Medicare ACO created in 2016, achieved both total savings to Medicare and shared savings for the ACO. In performance year 2018, the ACC of Northeast Georgia generated \$3.3 million in total savings for Medicare and \$1.5 million in shared savings. Providers also achieved an overall quality score of 92%.

“We are extremely proud to have generated savings for the the Medicare Shared Savings Program and our providers for the second consecutive year,” said Dr. Faheem B. Nusrat, medical director for the Accountable Care Coalition of Northeast Georgia. “We are committed to providing high-quality preventive care and chronic disease management to Medicare beneficiaries in our ACO and are grateful the program allows us to demonstrate how we can provide increasing value to the healthcare system and our more than 7,700 Medicare Fee-For-Service beneficiaries.”

“The Accountable Care Coalition of Northeast Georgia is demonstrating how physicians can thrive and retain their independence by embracing value-based care that increases accountability, lowers costs and improves quality,” said Anthony Valdés, president of Collaborative Health Systems. “We look forward to our continued partnership as we work with providers to deepen patient relationships, advance care in our local communities and improve health outcomes.”

Medicare ACOs are groups of doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers who come together voluntarily to provide coordinated high-quality care to their Medicare beneficiaries, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of services and preventing medical errors. When an ACO exceeds quality and financial thresholds – demonstrating achievement of high-quality care and wiser spending of healthcare dollars – it is able to share in the savings generated for Medicare.

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### **About the Accountable Care Coalition of Northeast Georgia**

The Accountable Care Coalition of Northeast Georgia is an MSSP ACO focused on value-based healthcare. Our providers are dedicated to improving the quality of health care and lowering the

growth rate of health care costs. The Accountable Care Coalition of Northeast Georgia participates in the Medicare Shared Savings Program under a contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. For more information, visit [accnegeorgia.com](http://accnegeorgia.com).

### **About Collaborative Health Systems**

Collaborative Health Systems (CHS), a WellCare Company, is a management services organization that partners with independent primary care physicians as they move to value-based models. Its core belief is that primary care physicians are in the best position to influence the quality and cost of healthcare. CHS provides comprehensive support for its physician partners by providing management services, risk contracting, and population health capabilities, including actionable data and other tools, to deliver care coordination and closure of gaps in care. CHS provides additional services to secure and deliver favorable value-based contracts with commercial and other health plans. As of July 2019, CHS manages two Next Generation ACOs, nine MSSP ACOs, a Care Transformation Organization and two Independent Practice Associations. For more information, visit [www.CollaborativeHealthSystems.com](http://www.CollaborativeHealthSystems.com).

### **About WellCare Health Plans**

Headquartered in Tampa, Fla., WellCare Health Plans, Inc. (NYSE: WCG) focuses primarily on providing government-sponsored managed care services to families, children, seniors and individuals with complex medical needs primarily through Medicaid, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, as well as individuals in the Health Insurance Marketplace. WellCare serves approximately 6.3 million members nationwide as of June 30, 2019. For more information about WellCare, please visit the company's website at [www.wellcare.com](http://www.wellcare.com).

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