



## **Equality Health and UnitedHealthcare Launch Program to Improve Quality of Care for Medicaid Patients in Arizona**

- *Care providers from across specialties work together to coordinate patient care*
- *More resources committed to sharing information and identifying care opportunities for patients*

**PHOENIX (October 4, 2017)** – Equality Health and UnitedHealthcare launched a new program to improve the quality of health care for people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare’s Medicaid plans in the Phoenix area by promoting a team-based, holistic approach to patient care.

Through this program, Equality Health’s integrated network of physical, behavioral and community-based care providers will deliver quality, culturally effective and coordinated health care to their patients. The collaboration improves the ability to identify social and cultural factors that put patients at high risk and help them reduce avoidable emergency room visits and readmissions to the hospital, manage chronic health conditions and take their needed medications.

Equality Health has developed its innovative approach to care management using technology, services and network designs to organize a better health care delivery system for diverse communities that have struggled with integrating into the traditional one-size-fits-all system.

“At Equality Health, we are building new cultural care pathways to create better outcomes, increase patient adherence and lower the cost of care for underserved communities,” said Hugh Lytle, Equality Health founder and CEO. “Our relationship with UnitedHealthcare will improve access to care for more diverse patients in our community, reduce disparities in health outcomes and improve people’s health and well-being.”

“UnitedHealthcare and Equality Health are committed to ensuring people who live in underserved communities have access to the quality, culturally competent care they need and deserve,” said Joseph Gaudio, CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Arizona. “By collaborating with Equality Health, we can create a more connected health care experience, help improve patient care and enhance people’s ability to live healthier lives.”

More than 15 million people enrolled in UnitedHealthcare plans across the country have access to accountable care programs, delivered in part through more than 800 accountable care arrangements nationwide as the organization engages in deeper, more collaborative relationships with physicians and hospitals.

For more information about UnitedHealthcare’s changing relationships with care providers and how value-based programs are helping to improve quality and people’s health, visit [www.UHC.com/valuebasedcare](http://www.UHC.com/valuebasedcare) and download the [Value-based Care Report](#).

### **About Equality Health**

Equality Health, LLC is an Arizona-based integrated delivery system focused on improving care delivery

for underserved populations through culturally-sensitive programs that improve access, quality and patient trust. Through an integrated technology and services platform, culturally competent provider network and unique cultural care model, Equality Health helps managed care plans and health systems improve care for the Hispanic population while simultaneously making the transition to risk-based accountability. For more information about Equality Health, visit [www.equalityhealth.com](http://www.equalityhealth.com) or follow @EqualityHealth on Facebook and @EqualityHealth1 on Twitter.

### **About UnitedHealthcare**

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people nationwide live healthier lives by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. The company offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for individuals, employers, military service members, retirees and their families, and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts directly with more than 1 million physicians and care professionals, and 6,000 hospitals and other care facilities nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company. For more information, visit UnitedHealthcare at [www.uhc.com](http://www.uhc.com) or follow @UHC on Twitter.

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