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CentraCare recognized for clinical excellence at UCare's "A Salute to Excellence!"

Minneapolis, Minn. – UCare recently held its ninth annual "A Salute to Excellence!" event to recognize 13 clinics and care systems with top results in 2017 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures. CentraCare Health was recognized for improving the health of UCare members enrolled in Medicare, Minnesota Senior Health Options and Special Needs BasicCare plans.

George Morris, MD, Physician VP of Performance Excellence and Hannah Wieshalla, Manager of Quality Improvement and Network Support at CentraCare Health accepted the UCare Excellence in Health Care award that honors health care providers for providing outstanding, high-quality service to UCare's Medicare and Medicaid members in Minnesota.

"We appreciate working with UCare to improve the health of our communities and patients," said Dr. Morris. "They have been our partner for many years as we care for some of our states most challenged patients. This recognition demonstrates our commitment to providing patient centered care that matters."

Mark Traynor, President and CEO, UCare, and Dr. Julia Joseph-Di Caprio, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, UCare, presented guests with the awards at A Salute to Excellence! event at the University of Minnesota's McNamara Alumni Center on October 25, 2018.

"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 CentraCare's excellent work and dedication," said Traynor at the event. "We value each provider and the power of the partnerships we have forged to support UCare members across Minnesota."

Photo (left to right): Dr. Julia Joseph-Di Caprio, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, UCare; Hannah Wieshalla, MBA, CHFP, Manager of Quality Improvement and Network Support at CentraCare Health; George Morris, MD, Physician VP of Performance Excellence at CentraCare Health and Mark Traynor, President and CEO, UCare.

About CentraCare Health

As an integrated, not-for-profit organization, CentraCare Health is working to improve the lives and wellbeing of those living in Central Minnesota. CentraCare provides care through hospitals located in St. Cloud, Long Prairie, Melrose, Monticello, Paynesville and Sauk Centre with more than 25 clinics and specialty centers throughout the region. Additionally, Carris Health, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CentraCare, is comprised of Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar and 10 clinics in the Southwest region of the state.

CentraCare – St. Cloud Hospital has been a Magnet-designated hospital since 2004 and repeatedly receives national recognition for its outstanding quality measures. CentraCare provides comprehensive primary through tertiary care, including heart and vascular, cancer, orthopedic, neuroscience and behavioral health care. CentraCare also focuses on wellness throughout Central Minnesota through its Feeling Good MN initiative.

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