

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Partners In Care Network Improves Pediatric Quality and Lowers Overall Cost of Care by 8.5% in Aetna Pediatric Value-Based Program**

**East Brunswick, NJ...** Partners In Care, Corp. (PIC), a clinically integrated network powered by Continuum Health, announced today that it achieved a 95% quality score and lowered the cost of care in its pediatric population by over \$15 per member per month (PMPM), during a 12-month period between 2017-2018, as part of Aetna's ACO Pediatric Shared Savings Program. PIC providers and Continuum Health's population health management team – which also drives high performance for New Jersey's fastest growing independent medical group, Consensus Health – reduced avoidable costs 8.3% more than their peers, lowered their patient population's costs by 8.5% and achieved a 95% quality score for Well Child Visits 3-6 years, Immunizations for Adolescents HPV Vaccine for Female Adolescents, and other quality markers.

Using clinical, utilization and claims data provided by Aetna, PIC providers and Continuum Health's population health team recognized savings through gap closure and avoidable utilization efforts. The collaborative program focused on preventative measures and helping patients avoid Emergency Room (ER) visits and in-patient hospital admissions, while referring patients to high value specialists. As a result, PIC achieved healthier outcomes and lowered overall costs of care.

"In our view, the most important achievement was keeping children healthier and happier. A direct result of that effort is lower healthcare costs, but our focus will always be on finding innovative ways to improve the health of the patients we serve," shared John Brault, CEO of Partners In Care and SVP of Payer Strategy for Continuum Health. "Our partnership with Aetna plays a critical role in our ability to enhance the clinical and financial outcomes for the patient population we serve. Creating closer alignment between Aetna, our physicians, and their patients, allows us to optimize the individual patient experience, increase their healthy days, and minimize their total cost."

#### ***About Partners In Care (PIC)***

*Partners In Care is a clinically integrated network, which includes providers from Consensus Health, New Jersey's fastest growing, independent multi-specialty medical group. Formed in 1995 and now a Continuum Health affiliate, PIC includes more than 500 primary care and specialty providers in 14 counties across the state who consistently deliver higher quality care at a lower overall cost for thousands of patients. For more information, visit [www.piccorp.com](http://www.piccorp.com) and [www.consensushealth.com](http://www.consensushealth.com).*