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"NCQA's Disease Management Accreditation program is extremely thorough and rigorous. It's designed to highlight only those programs that truly improve chronic care," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane

NCQA accreditation standards are developed with input from researchers in the field; the Disease Management Advisory Council (DMAC) and standing committees; employers; both purchasers and operators of disease management programs; state and federal regulators; and other experts. NCQA Disease Management Accreditation standards are intended to help organizations achieve the highest level of performance possible, reduce patient risk and create an environment of continuous improvement.

About VillageHealth

VillageHealth is the integrated kidney care division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of healthcare services to patient populations throughout the United States and abroad. A leader in integration and innovation, VillageHealth is revolutionizing kidney care and changing the life experiences of kidney care patients throughout the country. Since 1998, VillageHealth has helped improve the quality of life for over 40,000 patients while reducing overall cost of care. For more information visit www.villagehealth.com.

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DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita and HealthCare Partners. DaVita is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. As of June 30, 2014, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 2,119 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 168,000 patients. The company also operated 84 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. HealthCare Partners manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Florida in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. As of March 31, 2014, HealthCare Partners provided integrated care management for approximately 795,000 managed care patients. For more information, please visit DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com.

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