HealthCare Partners Honored for Performance in Clinical Quality

Integrated Healthcare Association recognizes HealthCare Partners for another year of distinctive performance

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Dec. 19, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- HealthCare Partners, a DaVita Medical Group and division of DaVita Inc. (NYSE: DVA), today announced that it has again been recognized by the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA), a statewide non-profit group committed to high-value, integrated care that improves quality and affordability for patients across California and the nation.

Each year, IHA recognizes physician organizations earning 4.5 and 5-star ratings for the quality of care provided to their Medicare Advantage (MA) beneficiaries. HealthCare Partners has consistently received honors, including this year's star rating of 4.5 for 2017-18, which reflects care provided to MA patients in 2016.

"We are so proud of our organization's focus on excellent caregiving, first and foremost," said Amar Desai, MD, region president at HealthCare Partners. "We're honored that we continue to be recognized by IHA for our dedication to quality care for patients in California."

Since 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has publicly reported the performance of MA health plans on a variety of clinical quality, member experience and customer service measures through a 5-star rating system. Medicare star ratings are intended to support beneficiaries in understanding the quality of health and drug plans, physicians, hospitals and other Medicare providers.

"California physicians, such as HealthCare Partners, are leaders in making health care more transparent through their voluntary participation in Medicare Advantage star quality ratings," said IHA president and CEO Jeffrey Rideout, M.D. "We applaud their hard work and commitment to improving the quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries."

Building on the MA star rating for health plans, the IHA uses a subset of 12 clinical quality measures to award star ratings at the physician organization level in California, including adult body mass index, readmissions, breast and colorectal cancer screening, medication adherence for hypertension, rheumatoid arthritis and cholesterol as well as a variety of diabetes care measures.

For more information, please visit IHA's fact sheet about the Medicare Advantage 5-Star rating system for California physician organizations.

About DaVita Medical Group
DaVita Medical Group is a division of DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company, that operates and manages medical groups and affiliated physician networks in California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Washington. A leading independent medical group in America, DaVita Medical Group has over two decades of experience providing coordinated, outcomes-based medical care in a cost-effective manner. DaVita Medical Group's teammates, employed clinicians and affiliated clinicians provided care for approximately 1.7 million patients. For more information, please visit DaVitaMedicalGroup.com.

About DaVita Inc.
DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and DaVita Medical Group. DaVita Kidney Care 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 September 30, 2017, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,470 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 196,000 patients. The company also operated 230 outpatient dialysis centers located in 11 countries outside the United States. DaVita Medical Group manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Washington in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. DaVita Medical Group's teammates, employed clinicians and affiliated clinicians provided care for approximately 1.7 million patients. For more information, please visit DaVita.com/About.

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