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New Concert Network Positions Area Providers to Succeed in Value-Based Care Model

HARRISBURG, PA (March 6, 2018) -- Area physicians in partnership with UPMC Pinnacle announced the formation of [Concert](#), an Integrated Health Alliance. Concert is a physician-led clinically integrated network (CIN) that brings together physicians, specialists, hospitals, and other providers from across central Pennsylvania to create a healthier population by offering coordinated, effective care.

“The health care business model is changing,” said R. Scott Owens, MD, physician leadership council co-chair. “We are moving away from the traditional fee-for-service payment model and transitioning to value-based care where health care professionals are empowered to work together to improve quality and affordability while being rewarded for their success.”

A clinically integrated network (CIN) like Concert is a group of physicians, often in collaboration with a hospital or health system, who have joined together to develop active, ongoing clinical initiatives that control costs and improve the quality of health care services.

“As a CIN, Concert positions independent and employed providers to participate and succeed in this changing health care environment,” said Robert Dondes, president of Concert and senior vice president at UPMC Pinnacle. “Concert promotes the sharing of medical information and the enhanced coordination between physicians that will help to achieve the ‘quadruple aim’ for health care: improved population health, decreased per capita cost, a better provider experience, and a better patient experience.”

“While Concert allows physicians to work more closely together, they maintain autonomy over their practice operations and remain independent physicians,” said Dondes. “As a CIN, Concert also allows physicians to establish new contracts with payers to drive value-based care that will augment, but not replace, their existing fee-for-service contracts.”

“As the network continues to develop, we will deliver significant improvements in quality and effectiveness, while promoting increased accountability to patients,” said Craig Skurcenski, MD, physician leadership council co-chair. “We will have the opportunity to financially sustain comprehensive population health management activities that will continue to transform care in our community.”

Concert is continuing to grow and add new health care providers. Providers can find more information about Concert by visiting www.concerthealthalliance.org

About Concert, An Integrated Health Alliance

Concert, an Integrated Health Alliance, is a physician-led, clinically integrated network (CIN) that brings together physicians, specialists, hospitals, and other providers from across central Pennsylvania to create a healthier population by offering coordinated, effective care. Built in partnership with UPMC Pinnacle, the ultimate goal of Concert's clinically integrated network is to achieve the "quadruple aim" for health care: improved population health, decreased per capita cost, a better provider experience, and a better patient experience. It achieves these goals by aligning providers across the continuum of care, enabling seamless sharing of patient information, and enhancing coordination to ensure delivery of the right care for patients, in the right setting, and with the right resources. For more information, providers should visit www.concerthealthalliance.org.

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