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## Network Health and ThedaCare Announce Agreement to Provide Additional Access to Health Care for Medicare Advantage Beneficiaries

Menasha, Wis. – (October 20, 2021) – Network Health, a Wisconsin-based health insurer, and ThedaCare are pleased to announce they have signed an agreement to provide Medicare Advantage patients greater access to health care through additional providers in the region. Effective January 1, 2022 Network Health Medicare Advantage members will have in-network access to the ThedaCare network of physicians, hospitals, clinics, labs and other services. More than 67,000 existing Network Health Medicare Advantage members will benefit from this innetwork access starting on January 1, 2022.

"For 40 years, Network Health has been a trusted insurance expert," said Coreen Dicus-Johnson, president and CEO of Network Health. "Together with ThedaCare, we are aligned in bringing affordable, high-quality insurance coverage and care to the shared communities we serve, work and live in. Together, we're helping our neighbors, friends and family receive the care they need."

As one of Network Health's Clinical Integration partners, ThedaCare will work with the insurance company to provide the highest quality of care in the most cost-efficient manner. Network Health will work with ThedaCare providers to ensure Medicare Advantage members receive the quality cost-efficient care that meets their individual needs.

Network Health's mission to build healthy and strong Wisconsin communities begins with collaborating with like-minded provider partners. ThedaCare is on a mission to improve the health and well-being of the communities it serves. Through partnerships with organizations such as Network Health, ThedaCare is working to become a proactive partner in health, while making health care easier and more affordable.

"Partnerships that offer more patients greater access to health care are important to allow our team members to empower each person to live their unique, best lives through wellness, prediction, prevention and healing," said Dr. Mark Cockley, ThedaCare Chief Clinical Officer. "The commitment to financial responsibility will allow us to protect patient care and remain a strong organization that can continue caring for the people of Northeast and Central Wisconsin long into the future."





Both Network Health and ThedaCare are invested in building a long-term relationship and will continue to collaborate on their shared purpose to improve the health experiences of the communities they serve.

The Medicare Advantage annual enrollment period is from October 15 – December 7 every year. During this time period, Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their plan, with the new coverage starting on January 1. Those interested in more information on these new offerings should visit NetworkHealthOptions.com or call 844-201-3782.

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## **About Network Health**

Founded in 1982, Network Health offers customized commercial and Medicare health insurance services to employers, individuals and families in more than 23 counties throughout Wisconsin. Through its strong reputation for quality health care coverage and superior customer service, Network Health has grown to serve more than 111,000 members. Network Health has a 5 out of 5 Star Rating for Medicare Advantage PPO plans from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, outperforming the national average of 4.5 Stars. Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system. Network Health also has a 4.5 out of 5 rating for both Medicare and commercial products for 2019-2020 from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Network Health is one of only four health plans in Wisconsin receiving this NCQA score for Medicare and commercial plans, and no other plans in Wisconsin are rated higher. Network Health is ranked in the top 32 commercial plans and top 25 Medicare plans, and was also named one of the "Best Medicare Advantage plans for 2020" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Learn more at networkhealth.com. Visit our blog at networkhealth.com/grow-in-the-know/. Follow Network Health on Instagram, LinkedIn Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.

## **About ThedaCare**

For more than 110 years, ThedaCare® has been committed to improving the health and well-being of the communities it serves in Northeast and Central Wisconsin. The organization delivers care to more than 600,000 residents in 17 counties and employs approximately 7,000 health care professionals. ThedaCare has 180 points of care, including seven hospitals. As an organization committed to being a leader in Population Health, team members are dedicated to empowering people to live their unique best lives. ThedaCare also partners with communities to understand needs, finding solutions together, and encouraging health awareness and action. ThedaCare is the first in Wisconsin to be a Mayo Clinic Care Network Member, giving specialists the ability to consult with Mayo Clinic experts on a patient's care. ThedaCare is a not-for-profit health system with a level II trauma center, comprehensive cancer treatment, stroke and cardiac programs, as well as primary care.

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