



OSF HealthCare joins forces with Health Alliance to care for people on Medicare

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(Champaign, Ill. | Oct. 1, 2019) — [OSF HealthCare](#) and [Health Alliance](#) are entering a unique partnership to offer new Medicare Advantage health plans for Medicare beneficiaries in 17 central and northern Illinois counties. These plans are designed to further elevate health care and coverage, while serving the specific needs of patients throughout the state.

These OSF MedAdvantage plans will offer benefits such as free virtual visits, wellness benefits and no- or low-cost medications. The benefits are intended to serve the whole person, and also include dental, hearing and vision.

“To best serve Health Alliance communities, we continually evaluate partnerships and relationships with other organizations focused on the right care at the right time for patients. The partnership between OSF HealthCare and Health Alliance Medicare means our members will have even more options for receiving trusted care from the doctors and care teams they know,” said Jana Perry, Health Alliance vice president of Strategy and Marketing.

As Health Alliance grows, it remains committed to providing consumer-focused and integrated care by ensuring alignment with best practice. Affiliation with a provider-led health plan gives patients a simpler, more coordinated health care experience.

“The elevated arrangement between OSF HealthCare and Health Alliance Medicare is good for patients and their families, and good for both organizations,” said Bob Sehring, CEO, OSF HealthCare. “The 142 years of experience at OSF HealthCare fits well with the coverage expertise of member-focused Health Alliance. Together we will keep our communities healthy.”

The new partnership impacts 2020 coverage options for Medicare beneficiaries in Boone, Bureau, De Witt, Henderson, Henry, Knox, La Salle, Livingston, McLean, Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Winnebago and Woodford counties. Medicare beneficiaries in these counties will be eligible to sign up for one of four new Medicare Advantage health plans through OSF MedAdvantage beginning October 15, 2019.

Medicare beneficiaries who wish to learn more about new coverage options may attend a free learning event at the location of their choosing. Numerous events will be held across impacted communities throughout October, November, and December. A complete schedule of free learning events, along with plan details is available now at [OSFMedAdvantage.org](#).

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OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. OSF HealthCare employs nearly 21,000 Mission Partners (employees) in 126 locations, including 13 hospitals - 9 acute care, 4 critical access - and two colleges of nursing throughout Illinois and Michigan. Its physician network employs more than 1,200 primary care, specialist physicians, and advanced practice providers. OSF HealthCare operates an extensive network of home health services; owns PointCore, Inc., comprised of health care-related businesses; and OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization. More at www.osfhealthcare.org.

Health Alliance is based in Champaign, IL, and currently operates in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Washington with additional licenses in Nebraska and Missouri. Health Alliance is part of The Carle Foundation integrated system of healthcare services, which includes The Carle Foundation Hospital, Carle Physician Group, partnership in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine, two regional hospitals and 21 regional provider sites of care. In Illinois, we offer employer group plans, individual plans, Medicare plans, State of Illinois Employee plans, and State of Illinois Retiree plans through Total Retiree Advantage Illinois. A leading provider-driven health plan, Health Alliance was awarded by J.D. Power for highest member satisfaction among commercial health plans in the Illinois and Indiana Region in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

OSF MedAdvantage is administered by Health Alliance Medicare – a Medicare Advantage Organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in OSF MedAdvantage depends on contract renewal. Other providers are available in our network. OSF HealthCare may also contract with other plans/Part D sponsors.

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