

HonorHealth announces new accountable care entity

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (August 25, 2016) – Two Valley accountable care organizations have come together under Innovation Care Partners, a new division of HonorHealth.

HonorHealth, Scottsdale Health Partners and John C. Lincoln Accountable Care Organization have come together to form Innovation Care Partners, a clinically integrated network and accountable care organization. Innovation Care Partners includes more than 1,000 physicians, over 350 physician offices, plus HonorHealth's five hospitals, clinics and outpatient facilities.

"The caliber of medical talent we have, combined with our proven track record, means Innovation Care Partners will continue to be a leading network across Arizona," said Richard Silver, MD, HonorHealth senior vice president of population health and CEO of Innovation Care Partners. "Our aligned physicians now have a single care management infrastructure and governance, a unified way to deliver care for the Maricopa County market, and better contract options through Innovation Care Partners."

Innovation Care Partners currently manages more than 60,000 patients through eight different insurance contracts including Medicare Advantage, commercial insurance and HonorHealth's employee health plan.

While Innovation Care Partners is wholly owned by HonorHealth, it is governed by a 15-member board of HonorHealth employed and private practice physicians from primary and specialty care.

Through the use of technology and care coordination, patients, payers and care providers benefit from the best healthcare outcomes and reduced costs. "We can coordinate care among a larger service area to help providers take care of patients by enhancing quality and patient satisfaction at a reduced cost for patients and the health system," said Tiffany Nelson, MD, a Phoenix primary care physician and Innovation Care Partners' chief strategy officer.

Current efforts by the organization's care management team has led to a reduction in hospital readmissions by more than 40 percent. When patients visit an emergency room or are admitted to the hospital, a care manager meets with the patients to ensure they receive the appropriate level of service, and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions. Care managers also coordinate communications and care planning between hospital physicians and the patient's primary care physicians.

About HonorHealth:

HonorHealth is a non-profit health system serving an area of 1.6 million people in the greater Phoenix area. The network encompasses five acute-care hospitals, an extensive medical group, outpatient surgery centers, a cancer center, clinical research, medical education, a foundation and community services with approximately 11,500 employees, 3,700 affiliated physicians and 3,100 volunteers. HonorHealth was formed by a merger between Scottsdale Healthcare and John C. Lincoln Health Network. HonorHealth's mission is to improve the health and well-being of those we serve. Learn more at HonorHealth.com.

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