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## Health Choice Care, LLC Earns High Quality Marks, Reduces Cost of Care for Medicare Patients

**Miami, Florida** — Health Choice Care, LLC improved care for more than 12,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida, Hawaii, Missouri, North Carolina, and Rhode Island, and saved Medicare \$11,030,564 by meeting quality and cost goals in 2020, according to recently released performance data from the federal agency that administers Medicare.

Health Choice Care is an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) comprised entirely of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) with the mission of improving the health status of our communities through the provision of affordable, evidenced based and community-based care. HCC aims to promote and support quality medical homes through the re-investment of savings back into the community and through the meaningful use of health information technology and data analytics.

Together our participating community health centers earned a quality score of 96.87 percent on performance measures ranging from preventive health checks to use of computerized health records to preventing avoidable hospitalizations. The shared savings payment to Health Choice Care, LLC will be reinvested back into the communities served by improving the health of populations, improving the experience of care, and reducing per capita health care costs.

ACO providers work to increase the number of Medicare beneficiaries taking advantage of annual wellness visits, including recommended screenings and preventive care. The ACO also focuses on ensuring smooth patient transitions from the hospital to home—or a nursing home if needed. Clinicians and providers share best practices to coordinate the care beneficiaries receive from different primary care and specialty providers and to prevent health issues and repeat hospitalizations.

A market-based solution to fragmented and costly care, accountable care organizations (ACOs) empower local physicians, hospitals, and other providers to work together and take responsibility for improving quality, enhancing patient experience and keeping care affordable. The Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) creates incentives for ACOs to invest in transforming care by allowing them to share in savings they generate after meeting defined quality and cost goals.

A fact sheet with more information about MSSP ACOs is available online, along with other resources—<u>What is an ACO?</u>—and the <u>ABCs of ACOs</u>.

Health Choice Care, LLC., (HCC) was formed by community health centers and Health Choice Network of Florida to develop a provider-sponsored organization capable of providing quality care to our communities while adapting to changes in the health care environment. Health Choice Care focuses on achieving the three-part aim of improving the health of populations, improving the experience of care, and reducing per capita health care costs. Health Choice Care is jointly owned by Health Choice Network of Florida and eighteen community health centers located throughout Florida, Missouri, and Rhode Island.

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