



Coalition of Health Care Providers Debuts High-Value Network

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SEATTLE – September 11, 2014 – A coalition of the Puget Sound region’s leading hospitals, clinics and physician groups announced today that they have formed a new health care network that provides high-quality, cost-effective, and comprehensive care at a reduced cost to employers.

Puget Sound High-Value Network (PSHVN) unites premier health care organizations throughout the region, including CHI Franciscan Health; Edmonds Family Medicine; The Everett Clinic; EvergreenHealth Partners; Lakeshore Clinic; Overlake Medical Center; and Virginia Mason in a network managed by First Choice Health. PSHVN currently reaches from Tacoma to Everett with eight hospitals, 163 clinics, 24 ancillary provider locations and 2,875 specialty and primary care providers, creating an extensive network with locations conveniently distributed throughout the Puget Sound region.

“We’ve forged a network of industry-leading organizations and providers who – in addition to being among the most respected in our region – have committed to an approach that will allow us to reduce costs to employers, making it very competitive,” said John Robinson, M.D., chief medical officer at First Choice Health.

Unlike other health care network offerings in the region, PSHVN providers are selected to participate based on a commitment to providing high-quality care at a reduced unit cost. The collaborative of health care providers improves the quality of care while controlling costs by developing ongoing clinical initiatives focused on delivering quality, efficiency, value, and coordinated care to patients. By choosing PSHVN over competing options, employers can realize greater cost savings without sacrificing the quality of care or convenience for their employees.

Dr. Robinson added that PSHVN is able to offer lower rates to employers through the participating providers’ shared commitment to embracing a new approach to health care delivery.

The network is available to self-insured employers with 50 or more employees. Through First Choice Health, employers can access a comprehensive standard offering through PSHVN, or larger self-insured organizations can customize network offerings.

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