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Chorus Community Health Plans Distributes \$2.6 Million for Care Improvement

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 2025 — Chorus Community Health Plans (CCHP), an affiliate of Children's Wisconsin, announced it is distributing **\$2.5 million in payouts** to healthcare providers, including **\$1.6 million in performance-based incentives** in recognition of improved quality of care. These pay-for-performance payouts are designed to support health systems' efforts to prioritize preventative care in patients enrolled in CCHP's BadgerCarePlus (Medicaid) programs.

"Every dollar that comes through Medicaid programs like BadgerCarePlus relies on health care providers to provide the best value possible for each one of their patients," said Mark Rakowski, CEO of Chorus Community Health Plans. "By providing these incentives to reward our partner providers, we can promote greater use of preventative care, and pay our providers for outcomes, not just for services provided, which will reduce the overall cost of healthcare for our members and for Wisconsin. Everyone wins with value-based programs like this."

CCHP's program is designed around emphasizing preventative care to both improve outcomes for patients as well as make its BadgerCarePlus dollars go farther. By creating these incentives for its providers, CCHP has not only improved overall health of its members, but did so by improving child and adolescent immunization rates, increasing lead testing and well-child visits, as well as prenatal and postpartum care for new mothers.

"This program is a major driver of our efforts to move away from 'fee-for-service' payments to reward our providers who are improving the health *outcomes* of our members," Rakowski said. "We hope to bring additional health systems into the program in order to build on this success."

For more information about Chorus Community Health Plans, visit www.ChorusHealthPlans.org.

About Chorus Community Health Plans (CCHP)

CCHP is an insurance organization dedicated to providing its members access to the highest quality health care and supportive services in collaboration with providers and community partners. CCHP has more than 120,000 members participating the BadgerCarePlus program, nearly 3,000 youth in foster care through the Care4Kids program and more than 13,000 Individual and Family Plan members both On and Off Exchange. Services provided through CCHP are customized to meet the unique needs of individual adult, children and family members and help empower them to take charge of their health and wellness.

About Children's Wisconsin

Children's Wisconsin is the region's only independent health care system dedicated solely to the health and well-being of children. The hospital, with locations in Milwaukee and Neenah, Wisconsin, is recognized as one of the leading pediatric health care centers in the United States. It is ranked among the top pediatric hospitals in the country by *U.S. News & World Report's* 2023-24 Best Children's Hospitals report. Children's provides primary care, specialty care, urgent care, emergency care, mental and behavioral health care, community health services, foster and adoption services, child and family counseling, child advocacy services and family resource centers. In 2022, Children's invested more than \$171 million in the community to improve the health status of children through medical care, advocacy, education and pediatric medical research. Children's

achieves its mission in part through donations from individuals, corporations and foundations and is proud to be a member of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.