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Monument Health Joins Multi-State Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACO) into Western Colorado

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE— Monument Health is excited to announce the Clinically Integrated Network has joined a Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACO) serving a multi-state region across Colorado, Wyoming and Montana with approvals from the Centers from Medicaid and Medicare (CMS).

Under this program, commonly referred to as the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Monument Health will be supporting Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries in western Colorado under a value-based care model.

"This is an exciting day for Monument Health," stated Ashley Thurow, Monument Health's Executive Director. "By participating in an MSSP, we will be able to successfully unite independent physicians and hospitals in western Colorado to deliver coordinated, patient-centered care to better serve the Medicare population."

The multi-state Medicare ACO is operating under the moniker *Rocky Mountain Accountable Health Network* and will initially serve about 27,000 Medicare beneficiaries across the three states, in areas where Intermountain Health and other provider partners are located. Monument Health anticipates 5,000 of those initial beneficiaries will be from western Colorado, primarily in Mesa and Delta counties, and seeks to grow the program to include more beneficiaries over time.

Like Monument Health, the Rocky Mountain Health Network ACO is dedicated to serving diverse populations across the west working collaboratively with independent providers and rural hospitals to improve healthcare outcomes in their respective communities.

"It really is an exciting and impactful way to pull our high functioning regions together across Montana, Wyoming and Colorado to share best practices and improve care for Medicare patients," said Mark Korth, President of the Intermountain Peaks region, who oversees all three

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"New members who are part of this Medicare ACO in western Colorado can expect to receive a warm call from our care coordinators after the discharge from the emergency room to make sure they have the right medications. They will receive friendly reminders about preventive screenings. And most importantly, we will work with them to ensure they have a relationship with a primary care provider," explained Lauren Mason, Monument Health's Clinical Operations Manager.

Monument Health is a clinically integrated network based in Grand Junction, CO. The CIN serves 75,000 members across western Colorado, with approximately 5,000 of these members participating in the Medicare ACO. To learn more about Monument Health visit www.monumenthealth.net/media.

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