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## Horizon BCBSNJ and Holy Name Medical Center launch ACO

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and Teaneck-based Holy Name Medical Center, through its HNMC Hospital/Physicians ACO, have announced the formation of a new Accountable Care Organization (ACO) designed to improve patient care coordination and quality outcomes for more than 3,000 Horizon BCBSNJ members. The new ACO will serve Horizon BCBSNJ patients being treated by more than 80 doctors practicing at approximately 22 office locations.

“We look forward to working with Holy Name and their doctors as we continue to transform New Jersey’s health care delivery system to reward the value of care patients receive, not the volume of care,” said Jim Albano, Vice President of Network Management and Horizon Healthcare Innovations at Horizon BCBSNJ.

“This collaborative ACO with Horizon BCBSNJ is designed to support strong patient care coordination to help deliver better quality outcomes and improve the overall health care experience for our patients,” added Michael Maron, President and Chief Executive Officer of Holy Name Medical Center.

Built on a primary care foundation, the ACO is a model of care where participating physician groups work collectively to create a healthier patient population through a coordinated approach to care. ACOs are designed to increase cooperation, communication and accountability to achieve measured patient quality outcomes and decrease unnecessary and duplicative medical tests and treatments.

Under this ACO agreement, Horizon BCBSNJ will provide care coordination payments to the ACO to take on additional accountability for improving the health and patient experience as well as controlling the cost of care for its Horizon BCBSNJ patients. The ACO and its affiliated practices have an opportunity to share in the resulting financial savings with Horizon BCBSNJ, provided the ACO meets certain health improvement, patient satisfaction and cost goals.

In addition to ACOs, Horizon BCBSNJ has a number of patient-centered programs, including Patient-Centered Medical Homes and programs focused on different Episodes of Care (e.g., joint replacement, pregnancy). More than 500,000 Horizon BCBSNJ members are benefiting from these programs that are working to improve patient care while controlling costs.

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