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AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, MEMORIALCARE MEDICAL FOUNDATION OVERSEES

- **MemorialCare Medical Group**, a team of 220 leading primary care and specialty physicians as well as more than 1,350 contracted specialists who provide comprehensive care with advanced technology to more than 100,000 patients at convenient locations in both Orange and Los Angeles Counties;
- **Greater Newport Physicians**, an affiliate of MemorialCare Health System, a multi-specialty Independent Physician Association (IPA) with more than 175 private practice physicians and 700 contracted specialists serving more than 90,000 individuals with HMO insurance;
- **MemorialCare Imaging Centers**, freestanding imaging centers offering comprehensive diagnostic services in convenient locations;
- **Beach Surgical Holdings, LLC**, ambulatory surgical centers and endoscopy centers in Orange and Los Angeles Counties; and
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MemorialCare Medical Foundation is participating in Anthem Blue Cross’ ACO/Enhanced Personal Health Care offered to Anthem PPO patients. With this program, patients have access to comprehensive, coordinated medical care provided by a personalized health care team, which includes a primary care physician, a care coordinator and other health care providers as needed. More than 2,600 MemorialCare Medical Group, Greater Newport Physicians and Edinger Medical Group patients with two or more chronic conditions were invited to participate. By participating, patients have access to extra services and highly coordinated care.

Unprecedented Partnership Expands Our Reach

In a move that expands access to high-quality, cost-effective primary care services to residents in Orange County, MemorialCare strengthened its long-standing partnership with UC Irvine Health and opened two primary care locations in fall 2014. The agreement places UC Irvine Health physicians in new office locations throughout the northern and eastern portions of Orange County, expanding our geographic presence into new service areas. The new sites are staffed by UC Irvine Health community-based physicians and managed by MemorialCare Medical Foundation, which provides the infrastructure and the operational expertise to run the medical offices in a highly efficient manner. These offices offer internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, after-hours care, and the basic diagnostic services. In addition to patient benefits, the affiliation facilitates our ability to attract and retain more primary care doctors in Orange County and provides an opportunity for new graduates who complete their training at UC Irvine Health School of Medicine to remain in the region.

New Plans Join Our Payor Family

To provide wider access to health care in the communities we serve, MemorialCare Medical Group began accepting Covered California/Individual & Family plans through Blue Shield of California PPO, Anthem Blue Cross EPO and Health Net PPO. These plans are accepted at all MemorialCare Medical Group Orange County and Los Angeles County locations.

“We are pleased to bring Anthem’s Enhanced Personal Health Care Program to Orange County and the Greater Long Beach area. Anthem’s PPO members can now receive the benefits of care management from our extraordinary physicians, nurses and other clinicians.”

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Greater Newport Physicians enhanced the patient experience by renovating waiting rooms in 15 of our practice locations. The scope of the project, which has positively impacted nearly 15,000 Greater Newport Physicians’ members and 26 physicians, included new flooring, paint and furniture, depending on the needs of each office. To meet patient expectations and to improve patient satisfaction, MemorialCare Medical Group redesigned two of its largest medical offices—Fountain Valley and Spring Street. Patients at these offices now enjoy fresh colors and new furniture in a calming environment.

Value-Added Opportunities for Our Physician Partners
As MemorialCare Medical Foundation continues to grow, we look for more ways to enhance the relationship we have with our physician partners. To that end, we are offering a real estate investment opportunity in a medical office building in Fountain Valley, CA to Greater Newport Physicians. More than 50 physicians have shown interest in investing in the property, which will open in spring 2015 and include an urgent care center, physician offices and basic imaging services.

QUALITY DEFINES THE VALUE PROPOSITION
Collaborating for Better Health
MemorialCare Medical Group developed a Collaborative Health Center to help high and moderate risk patients with their transition to home from the hospital or a nursing care facility. During its first four months of operations, the Collaborative Health Center staff met with 89 patients and their families within 48 to 72 hours after discharge. During these visits, the care team, a partnership of both patients and caregivers, reviewed details of the hospital or skilled nursing stay and assessed the patient’s current clinical status. Notes taken during the visit are forwarded via electronic medical record to the patient’s primary care physician to ensure a smooth transition.

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LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO MAXIMIZE CARE

An App for Quick Information Access

Greater Newport Physicians developed its first mobile app for member use in response to increasing consumer interest in having information accessible and at their fingertips, 24/7. The GNP iOS app, available for free from the Apple App Store, provides patients with information about our urgent care centers, Quest lab locations, participating physicians in the Greater Newport Physicians’ networks, as well as customer service contact information. Patients using the app have access to locations, hours of operation and available services and can tap into GPS navigation and direct dialing contact information for the nearest urgent care center, physician office or lab.

Patient Centered Medical Home Demonstrates Value in Health Care

Following two successful clinical pilot programs, MemorialCare Medical Group has embraced the challenge of transforming the way we deliver patient care through the implementation of the Patient Centered Medical Home. Led by Jay Lee, MD, associate medical director of practice transformation, the Patient Centered Medical Home evolves the traditional model of health care from the idea of a physical place where care is provided, to an innovative culture of physician-led teams who work together to provide what our patients need. In a true example of what it means to create new value in health care and to further population health, the Patient Centered Medical Home helps improve the patient and physician relationship by increasing opportunities for better communication and creating a favorable environment for the delivery of quality care.

Check-in With Us for Care

Greater Newport Physicians installed check-in kiosks in 30 physician offices to help expedite the patient check-in process and improve the patient experience. The counter-top kiosks are fully integrated with the EMR system and allow for privacy during check-in, verification of demographics, and account information, all in an efficient self-serve manner. The kiosks are instrumental in gathering required information related to the next phase of EMR meaningful use. Patient response has been overwhelmingly positive, with some offices reporting 70 percent of established patients checking in via the kiosk.

VALIDATING THE VALUE WE PROVIDE

Serving Among the Elite

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