



The Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network

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### **GBUAHN is over 8,000 Members Strong!**

(BUFFALO, N.Y., February 6, 2018) – The Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network (GBUAHN) reached another milestone on Friday, February 1, 2018 when the organization enrolled its 8,000<sup>th</sup> member. GBUAHN has tripled in size over the last five years, creating jobs, helping to revitalize the West Side economy, and assisting individuals in navigating the often-complex Medicaid system. In September 2017, the organization opened a new multi-million dollar medical facility at 564 Niagara Street.

Medicaid recipients who join GBUAHN receive health care coordination services that focus on treating the whole person. To become a member, one must be a Medicaid recipient and have two or more chronic health conditions, and/or a serious mental illness/substance abuse. Each member is assigned a patient health navigator who assists the client in obtaining access to health care services, as well as needed community resources including: food pantries, housing, and social services programs such as the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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“This increase to over 8,000 members is monumental in such a short span of time,” said Raul Vazquez, M.D., GBUAHN CEO. “However, this is just the beginning for us. We are passionate about helping our members, and GBHUAHN will make sure that we have the resources to continue to provide phenomenal services for Medicaid recipients.”

Significant savings for taxpayers is another key result of this program. With their assigned GBUAHN patient health navigators, clients receive on-going support for preventive care with a primary physician and maintenance care for chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma and high blood pressure. As a result, expensive emergency room visits decrease and Medicaid costs are reduced.