The Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network

GBUAHN NOW OFFERING SERVICES FOR PATIENTS WITH HIV/AIDS

(BUFFALO, NY, April 21, 2016) – The Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network (GBUAHN) Medicaid Health Home is now offering care coordination for individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). GBUAHN provides services for Medicaid eligible/active Medicaid recipients who have two or more chronic conditions (diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, etc.); or one (1) single qualifying condition of either HIV/AIDS or a serious mental illness.

GBUAHN collaborates with medical providers who specialize in the treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS or other STDs. Each GBUAHN member is assigned to a care team, including, but not limited to, a dietician, pharmacist and care coordinator.

"At GBUAHN, we operate under a patient-centered, 'whole person' philosophy," said Ivan Agosto, GBUAHN health home administrator. "We are excited to announce that our care coordination services show that HIV/AIDS has not been forgotten in Buffalo, NY."

Care teams locate the best health professionals to treat their members with HIV/AIDS or other STDs. GBUAHN medical providers specialize in the treatment of HIV/AIDS and STDs. GBUAHN providers also recognize that medical treatment is only one part of what their patients may need to live the highest quality of life possible.

GBUAHN works to ensure continuing care for its clients and also addresses human services needs. GBUAHN care teams offer assistance and referrals for a wide variety of social needs including: employment, education, substance abuse counseling, mental health, housing, transportation and more.

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"An individual may be homeless, hungry, or experiencing violence in the home," said Raul Vazquez, MD, GBUAHN CEO. "These barriers to care must be resolved so the patient can begin to address his or her ongoing health and wellness needs."

Founded in 2012, the Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network (GBUAHN) has over 6,000 members and is the seventh largest health home in NY State. Established under the Affordable Care Act of 2010, health homes coordinate care for people with Medicaid who have chronic health conditions or who are at risk for developing chronic health conditions. This free service integrates all primary care, acute, behavioral health and long-term services and supports to treat the whole person. Care teams work closely with patients to get them all the services they need in the community. For more information on GBUAHN, visit www.gbuahn.org

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