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## **GBUAHN nationally recognized for excellence in case management**

(BUFFALO, N.Y., October 16, 2017) – The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has announced that the Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network (GBUAHN) has received level two NCQA case management accreditation. GBUAHN is the first and only health home organization in New York State to achieve NCQA recognition for case management.

Earning NCQA's Case Management Accreditation shows that GBUAHN's case management program is dedicated to care coordination, patient-centeredness and improving quality of care: getting the right care to patients. NCQA sets its standards high to encourage case management organizations like GBUAHN to continuously enhance the quality of services they deliver. NCQA Case Management Accreditation is the only program that focuses on care transition.

"This NCQA accreditation in case management for GBUAHN is huge in our organization's commitment to providing smart, coordinated health care for the Medicaid patients we serve," said GBUAHN CEO Raul Vazquez, M.D. "Our patient health navigators, or care coordinators, work tirelessly to organize the right services for our members through the development of individualized care plans."

NCQA Accreditation standards are developed with input from researchers in the field, the Case Management Expert Panel and standing committees, employers, both purchasers and operators of Case Management programs, state and federal regulators and other experts.

"Case Management Accreditation moves us closer to measuring quality across population health management initiatives," said Margaret E. O'Kane, President, NCQA. "Not only does it add value to existing quality improvement efforts; it also demonstrates an organization's commitment to the highest degree of improving the quality of their patients' care."

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**About NCQA**

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information for consumers, purchasers, health care providers and researchers.

**About GBUAHN**

Founded in 2013, the Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network (GBUAHN) has 7,500 members and is the seventh largest Medicaid health home in New York State. Medicaid health homes were established under Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act as a team-based clinical approach offering coordinated care services to individuals with multiple chronic health conditions, including mental health and substance abuse disorders. 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 (i.e. food, housing, and clothing). For more information on GBUAHN, visit [www.gbuahn.org](http://www.gbuahn.org)