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**Physician-led Federation ACO's Focus on Health and Safety of Patients and Communities Saves Medicare \$22.9 Million in 2020**

Kalamazoo, Michigan – (Sept 14, 2021) –Affirmant Health Partners' Accountable Care Organization, Federation ACO, saved Medicare \$22.9 million and will receive a net earned performance payment of \$8.9 million in shared savings for its members from the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) in 2020. These results also secured the Federation ACO's number one position of all ACOs in Michigan. Savings earned will be shared with Affirmant's local clinically integrated networks and physicians affiliated with the ACO-- Bronson Healthcare, Covenant HealthCare, Henry Ford Allegiance Health, Sparrow Health System, and Spectrum Health Lakeland.

Medicare ACOs are groups of doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers, who come together voluntarily to provide coordinated high-quality care to their Medicare patients. The goal of coordinated care is to ensure that patients, especially the chronically ill, get the right care at the right time, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of services and preventing medical errors. When an ACO exceeds quality and financial thresholds – demonstrating achievement of high-quality care and wiser spending of healthcare dollars – it is able to share in the savings generated for Medicare.

“Our extraordinary results over the last four years can be attributed to the hard work of our care providers and focusing on clinical programs that improve the health of our patients and communities,” said Karin Proos, PharmD, interim chief operating officer and clinical executive of Affirmant Health Partners. “These results are a testament to value-based programs and their impact on improving care and reducing costs. I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished together.”

The Federation ACO is owned and managed by Affirmant Health Partners—a clinically integrated network of over 5,400 physicians across Michigan's lower peninsula. In four years of program participation, the Federation ACO has saved Medicare over \$144.2 million, earned \$67.5 million in shared savings, and received quality scores over 95%.

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