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## **ADVOCATE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS ENTERS PARTNERSHIP WITH MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER**

*Citing Shared Goals and Catchment, Montefiore Becomes Fiduciary for DSRIP's  
Second Largest and Only Physician-Led Performing Provider System*

**NEW YORK, NY – August 16, 2017** – Advocate Community Providers (ACP), the second largest and only physician-led Performing Provider System (PPS) in New York State's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, today announced that Montefiore Medical Center (Montefiore) has assumed a fiduciary role. As fiduciary, Montefiore will partner with ACP in its mission to transform health care delivery for hundreds of thousands of Medicaid beneficiaries in New York City's most underserved communities and to achieve key DSRIP goals, including reducing preventable emergency room visits by 25 percent by 2020.

Executives from Montefiore and ACP also cited strong bonds over community health education goals and dedication to improving health in lower-income, immigrant-rich communities as a benefit to the partnership.

Northwell Health has served as fiduciary since ACP's inception two years ago. Leadership from Northwell Health and ACP mutually concluded that shifting the fiduciary role to a health system with a significant presence in ACP's catchment and long-standing success in managing the care of immigrant communities and Medicaid beneficiaries would better serve ACP in the remaining years of DSRIP.

With DSRIP in the third year of its five-year duration, ACP's new partnership with Montefiore will ensure the highest level of support for ACP's diverse network of nearly 3,500 providers, including 1,400 Primary Care Physicians and 1,700 specialists, who serve more than 650,000 Medicaid beneficiaries in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens.

Montefiore consistently ranks among the nation's top academic medical centers. For more than 100 years, Montefiore has served as a leader in research-driven, clinical excellence and patient-centered care. Montefiore operates close to 200 ambulatory care practices throughout the Bronx, Westchester and the Hudson Valley. The Bronx, where Montefiore has over two decades of experience in population health management, is home to many patients served by ACP network physicians.



As fiduciary, Montefiore will oversee ACP's alignment with DSRIP program objectives and requirements. In addition, Montefiore physicians and ACP physicians will continue their collaboration on the development of a delivery system that is patient-centered, embraces pay-for-performance reimbursement models, and delivers high-quality care at a lower cost to New York taxpayers.

"For more than two years, ACP has worked toward transforming the practices of our network physicians to deliver patient-centered health care to hundreds of thousands of low-income and immigrant New York City residents," **said Dr. Ramon Tallaj, Chairman of the Board of Advocate Community Providers.** "This next step and new partnership with Montefiore not only aligns two organizations with shared missions of providing health care to New York's most vulnerable populations, but allows ACP to continue our growth as an organization and reach as a network."

"This is an exciting opportunity for ACP to accelerate our progress within DSRIP and lead the transformation of health care for New Yorkers who need it most," **said Mario J. Paredes, Chief Executive Officer of ACP.** "Montefiore will bring to this partnership a steadfast commitment to culturally-sensitive care in the Bronx, and the greater New York City community, which will be invaluable as we expand our ability to deliver comprehensive, culturally sensitive care."

"Serving as fiduciary for ACP is an exciting new partnership between New York's only physician-led PPS and Montefiore, a leader in DSRIP transformation throughout the Hudson Valley and the Bronx, with unique, sophisticated infrastructure and experience managing the care of Medicaid beneficiaries. Our work together will be focused on improving the coordination and management of care to move us more rapidly toward achieving the state's DSRIP goals," **said Stephen Rosenthal, Senior Vice President, Population Health Management** at Montefiore. "At the community level, ACP is an ideal partner to raise awareness and present solutions to health challenges in the Bronx and diverse similar communities."

### **About Advocate Community Providers**

Advocate Community Providers (ACP) unites nearly 3,500 providers, including 1,400 Primary Care Physicians and 1,700 specialists, dedicated to health, wellness and social services in lower-income, underserved Hispanic, Asian and African-American communities throughout New York City.

ACP's mission is to convene safety-net providers, partners and other stakeholders to create a culturally competent patient-centered, comprehensive and coordinated service care model to meet the needs of individuals and families participating in Medicaid. ACP is one of 25 Performing Provider Systems (PPS) in New York's Delivery Reform Incentive Payment program (DSRIP) to transform the State's Medicaid system. DSRIP's goals include reducing avoidable hospitalizations and ensuring that Medicaid beneficiaries and their families switch to a community-based care system that emphasizes preventive care over reliance on the emergency room.



For more information on ACP, visit <http://www.acppps.org/>.

### **About Montefiore Health System**

Montefiore Health System is one of New York's premier academic health systems and is a recognized leader in providing exceptional quality and personalized, accountable care to approximately three million people in communities across the Bronx, Westchester and the Hudson Valley. It is comprised of 11 hospitals, including the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and close to 200 outpatient care sites. The advanced clinical and translational research at its medical school, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, directly informs patient care and improves outcomes. From the Montefiore-Einstein Centers of Excellence in cancer, cardiology and vascular care, pediatrics, and transplantation, to its' preeminent school-based health program, Montefiore is a fully integrated healthcare delivery system providing coordinated, comprehensive care to patients and their families.

For more information on Montefiore, visit [www.montefiore.org](http://www.montefiore.org).