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ALLIANCE EXPANDS SELF-FUNDED EMPLOYERS' OPTIONS WITH ASCENSION WISCONSIN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

MADISON, Wis. (May 16, 2018) – Effective May 1, 2018, The Alliance network now includes all of the services provided by Ascension Wisconsin’s clinically integrated system of care, including its hospitals and primary and specialty care clinics. This expands self-funded employers’ access to in-network care in greater Milwaukee, the Fox Valley and the central and northern regions of the state.

“Adding Ascension Wisconsin to our network expands the options available to self-funded organizations in Wisconsin,” said Kyle Monroe, Alliance vice president, network development and provider relations. “We are excited about the possibilities for delivering our network, self-funding expertise and educational events to more employers and insurance trusts and their covered lives.”

Serving Wisconsin for 170 years, Ascension is a faith-based health care organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In Wisconsin, Ascension operates 23 hospitals, more than 100 related healthcare facilities and employs more than 1,300 primary and specialty care clinicians from Racine to Eagle River. Ascension Wisconsin includes the legacy health systems of Columbia St. Mary’s, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, and Ministry Health Care, including Affinity Health System.

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About Ascension Wisconsin

In Wisconsin, Ascension operates 23 hospitals, more than 100 related health care facilities and employs more than 1,300 primary and specialty care clinicians from Racine to Eagle River. Across the state, Ascension provided more than \$257 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty in Fiscal Year 2017. Serving Wisconsin for 170 years, Ascension is a faith-based health care organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, operating 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Visit ascension.org/wisconsin

About The Alliance

Founded in 1990, The Alliance is an independent cooperative of employers who took control of health care benefits through self-funding. The Alliance pools together employers' health care plans to contract directly with doctors and hospitals to get lower prices and receive a higher level of care. Its members include more than 240 businesses, school districts, municipalities and insurance trusts that provide coverage to over 85,000 individuals in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. Visit www.the-alliance.org