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Upland Hills Health Join *QualityPath* for Colonoscopies

MADISON, Wis. (Oct. 26, 2018) – Upland Hills Health have met the national quality measures and adopted processes that improve care for patients to become *QualityPath* providers for colonoscopies.

The Alliance is adding colonoscopies to *QualityPath* as part of efforts to help employers emphasize the value of colorectal cancer screening for employees and their family members that are covered by a health plan that uses The Alliance network to access health care. The Alliance also provides employers with a [white paper on colorectal cancer screening](#) that identifies cost-effective approaches and recommends additional resources.

The Alliance developed *QualityPath* for colonoscopies with one of eight [Purchaser Value Network \(PVN\) grants](#) made nationwide with funding provided by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation for regional business coalitions implementing innovative practices in value-based purchasing and health care payment reform. PVN is an initiative of the Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, Calif.

Launched in 2015, the *QualityPath* program currently guides patients to high-quality providers for CT and MRI scans and knee replacement and total hip replacement surgeries.

QualityPath offers these benefits:

- Doctors, hospitals and clinics meet national quality measures and adopt practices that lead to better outcomes.
- A bundled price covers most elements of surgeries and tests. For patients that means low out-of-pocket costs – sometimes nothing!
- A warranty covers complications or repeat tests.
- A patient experience manager guides surgical patients.
- Online tools and information provide additional support
- Shared decision-making reduces unnecessary care.
- A toolkit helps employers tell employees about the advantages.

Employers who are members of The Alliance can enroll in *QualityPath*, which is then offered to employees and family members enrolled in health plans that use The Alliance network. A list of participating doctors, hospitals and clinics is available on The Alliance website (www.the-alliance.org).

The Alliance is a not-for-profit cooperative that moves health care forward by controlling costs, improving quality and engaging individuals in their health. Members include more than 240 self-funded employers and multiemployer plans in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

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Alliance President and CEO Cheryl DeMars is available for interviews on request.