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United Cerebral Palsy of New York City Joins Five Downstate ARCs in Partners Health Plan – a First-of-Its-Kind Managed Care Model for New York Families with Disabilities

New York’s leading disabilities nonprofits to offer broad range of healthcare services to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

New York, NY, November 29, 2016 – United Cerebral Palsy of New York City (UCP of NYC) has now joined the five **Downstate ARCs in Partners Health Plan (PHP)** – a first-of-its-kind **Fully Integrated Duals Advantage Plan (FIDA)** to provide integrated health and long term care for dually eligible adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) in New York.

The adults must have Medicare or Medicaid, be eligible for OPWDD services, and live in either one of the five boroughs of New York City, or Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland or Westchester counties. The managed healthcare model integrates a wide range of services to be provided in conjunction with UCP of NYC’s and ARCS’s full range of disabilities services, education, technology and living supports for thousands of New York individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (FIDA-IDD).

“We are proud to be a governing partner of Partners Health Plan – a first **FIDA** model for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in THE United States. UCP of NYC has always been on the forefront of change and as our organization continues to expand its care, we want to ensure that the delivery of quality services for individuals with disabilities will continue,” said **Edward R. Matthews, CEO of UCP of NYC**. “The timing for the roll out of this model is ideal as managed care will soon become mandated in New York State for all Medicaid recipients.”

The agencies have also set up a Parent Board to include representation by UCP of NYC’s CEO and Board. The **FIDA** model is designed to make healthcare more accessible and provide care plans that meet the unique needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the agencies that they are already working with, such as UCP of NYC.

“We are thrilled and honored that UCP of NYC has decided to join Partners Health Plan (PHP) as a governing member,” said **Michael Mascari, Director and Chairperson of PHP**. “The ARCs of Metropolitan New York couldn’t have a better partner than UCP of NYC in demonstrating that family-led organizations serving individuals with developmental disabilities can create a person-centered approach to managed care that is marked both by the quality of services provided as

well as by its cost effectiveness. With its long history of leadership in the field of developmental disabilities, UCP of NYC will be an invaluable asset in furthering the mission of PHP.”

About United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

United Cerebral Palsy of New York City, Inc. (UCP of NYC) is the leading nonprofit agency in New York City providing direct services, technology and advocacy to children and adults with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. UCP of NYC offers a breadth of more than 85 comprehensive programs including medical, clinical, educational, technological, residential and rehabilitative services to over 18,000 New York City residents and families annually. Our services are delivered by a staff of more than 3,000 trained and dedicated individuals, including a number of employees who have disabilities themselves. www.ucpnyc.org

About Partners Health Plan

Partners Health Plan (PHP), a not-for-profit managed care organization, is dedicated solely to providing supports and services for persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (IDD). It was founded by AHRC Nassau and is now governed by UCP of NYC and all five Downstate ARCs. PHP was developed by the same providers who have effectively served individuals with IDD in the community for decades and we are committed to employing a person-centered approach to care planning and service delivery that addresses the needs of the whole person. Planning and developing this model has taken several years, and PHP is the culmination of a rich and robust collaboration among a diverse group of providers and other stakeholders dedicated to serving this population. www.phpcares.org.