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Bridges Health Partners and Aetna Extend Value-Based Collaboration to Commercial Employer Groups

WARRENDALE, Penn. – August 25, 2020 – [Bridges Health Partners LLC \(Bridges\)](#), a Clinically Integrated Network, and Aetna, a CVS Health company, have entered into a value-based agreement for Aetna’s commercial employer groups in Western Pennsylvania. The agreement is designed to improve clinical outcomes, efficiency and cost of care for Aetna’s commercial employer groups cared for by Bridges providers. “Working collaboratively, Bridges and Aetna will use insights derived from clinical, claims, and administrative data to promote a healthier workforce through wellness promotion and early intervention. The relationship will optimize our ability to create evidence-based clinical pathways to provide high quality, cost effective care as well as ensure a seamless patient experience across the healthcare continuum,” said Dr. Robert Zimmerman, Chief Medical Officer for Bridges.

Formed in 2017 by affiliates of Butler Health System, Excela Health, St. Clair Hospital, and Washington Health System, Bridges partners with the systems’ independent and employed medical staff to provide an integrated regional network of care consisting of over 1,000 physicians.

“This is a natural extension of Bridges and Aetna’s relationship and builds upon our previous collaboration with Medicare Advantage beneficiaries in this region. Working together, we’ve been successful in achieving and delivering excellent clinical outcomes and value for the communities we serve,” said Dr. Zimmerman.

“Providing consumers with coordinated and personalized health care requires payers and providers to work together,” said Remy Richman, Vice President, Chief Growth Officer for the Keystone Market. “By advancing our collaboration with Bridges Health Partners through this new value-based arrangement, we are helping to improve health care outcomes and affordability for Aetna commercial members in communities throughout Western Pennsylvania.”

About Bridges Health Partners LLC

Four independent, non-profit health systems in the Pittsburgh metropolitan market and surrounding communities are the founding members of Bridges Health Partners LLC, including Butler Health System, Excela Health, St. Clair Hospital and Washington Health System. Each partner system, along with their independent and employed medical staff are committed to transforming how healthcare services are delivered by implementing an integrated, regional network of care. Bridges Health Partners LLC

network comprises eight hospital campuses with over 1,450 licensed beds, over 1,000 employed and affiliated physicians with a network of primary care and specialty group practices, ambulatory surgery centers, urgent care clinics, imaging and diagnostic centers, skilled nursing, home health and hospice care. To learn more about Bridges Health Partners LLC, visit www.bridgeshealthpartners.org.

About Aetna

Aetna, a CVS Health business, serves an estimated 38 million people with information and resources to help them make better informed decisions about their health care. Aetna offers a broad range of traditional, voluntary and consumer-directed health insurance products and related services, including medical, pharmacy, dental and behavioral health plans, and medical management capabilities, Medicaid health care management services, workers' compensation administrative services and health information technology products and services. Aetna's customers include employer groups, individuals, college students, part-time and hourly workers, health plans, health care providers, governmental units, government-sponsored plans, labor groups and expatriates. For more information, visit www.aetna.com and [explore how Aetna is helping to build a healthier world](#).