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School District 51 Renews Contract with Community Hospital to Provide Health Care Coverage for Employees

Mesa County, CO - Mesa County Valley School District 51 (SD51) Board of Education made the decision to extend their employee health benefits plan to both Community Hospital and SCL Health during their November 2019 board meeting.

“SD51 Community Health Partnership (CHP) participants will enjoy the same robust benefits package as they have for the past eight years”, said Tawny Espinoza, Vice President of Business Development for Community Hospital. “This includes access to over 163 primary care providers and specialists spanning 13 primary care office locations. The innovative programs we have created such as Lifestyle Medicine, Diabetes Medication Incentive Program, Virtual Urgent Care, in collaboration with University of Utah Health, and much more will also still be available to SD51 CHP participants”, added Espinoza.

In 2012, Community Hospital created one of the most innovative, progressive public/private partnerships in the country by implementing the CHP program and extending significant health care benefits to organizations such as SD51. Since then, Community Hospital has helped the SD51 be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, saving millions on their health plan. Community Hospital and SD51 have received praise from employees, board members and other organizations in the community for proactively creating one of the most robust, beneficial health care plans offered in the region.

“We are extremely proud of the work we have done to help lower the cost of health care in our community”, said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. “We were trailblazers in this effort and now others are following our lead. We have worked very hard to earn the distinction of being the most preferred hospital in the valley and we will remain steadfast in our commitment to improve access and lower the cost of health care in our community”, added Thomas.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released the star ratings for more than 4,500 hospitals nationwide based on their performance across seven areas of quality. Community Hospital received the maximum 5-star quality rating for 2020. Community Hospital earned this distinction after CMS conducted an extensive and objective review of the hospital’s quality and safety standards.

Community Hospital has experienced tremendous growth over the years. In just the past couple of years, over sixty new providers have chosen to join Community Hospital. Community Hospital is proud to remain a local health care organization and are the leaders in providing comprehensive orthopedic care and full spectrum medical and radiation oncology treatment to patients in the Grand Valley.

For more information on Community Hospital’s Community Health Partnership program, please call 970-644-4000 or visit www.YourCommunityHospital.com.

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