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Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) Board Announces Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) Partners

Bethlehem, PA – The Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) has selected Express Scripts and WellDyne as the Coalition’s Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) Partners to better serve the needs of member employers regardless of their size or field of business. In making the selection, the LVBCH Board of Directors has endorsed the two PBMs as *Preferred Partners*.

The PBM plans participated in an extensive review process. To earn the Coalition’s Preferred Partner status, they had to demonstrate better plan performance, pricing, or enhanced service capabilities, giving employers more flexibility to select plan administrators that best meet their needs. Using a market based approach, the Coalition negotiates rates that are exclusive to its members and better than individual employers could obtain on their own. The new pricing will become available to Coalition members beginning January 1.

“As prescription drugs have become an increasingly significant driver of our members’ benefit costs, we are pleased to offer LVBCH members the choice of two excellent prescription management plans,” said LVBCH President Carl Seitz. “This will enable member employers to negotiate a pharmacy benefit plan that best fits the type and size of their organization. The end goal is to keep employer costs as low as possible while providing their employees and dependents with safe, high quality medications and outstanding service.

Express Scripts, Inc. has been a partner of LVBCH since 2009, consistently providing superior care and exceptional service and earning a 98% satisfaction rate among its members. Express Scripts handles millions of prescriptions each year through home delivery from the Express Scripts Pharmacy. “At Express Scripts, we believe that everyone should have access to affordable prescriptions and high-quality care. We are honored to provide the hard working men and women of eastern Pennsylvania with an exceptional pharmacy experience that keeps them and their loved ones healthy,” said Dr. Steve Miller, Chief Clinical Officer at Express Scripts. “Our dedicated team continuously provides innovative solutions to our members like LVBCH employers, harnessing data to deliver the highest quality care and the best value.”

As a first time LVBCH partner, WellDyne looks forward to supporting the Coalition’s employers and helping their members live their best lives. “Our pharmacy services leverage mobile technology, data insights and clinical expertise to help our clients achieve higher medication adherence rates, better health outcomes and lower net costs,” according to Nick Page, Chief Pharmacy Officer at WellDyne. “In dispensing specialized medications for complex health conditions, our expertise goes far beyond the basics. With a nationally recognized specialty pharmacy program, we look forward to providing best-in-class service to Coalition members to help them get the care and support they need.”

“Express Scripts and WellDyne share the Coalition’s goals for improving quality, patient safety, transparency, and efficient care delivery,” Seitz said. “Through exclusive pricing and service options, Coalition members can yield significant savings. We are extremely pleased to join these respective partners in bringing value to area employers.”

Coalition plans are available to the broker community, which is an integral part of LVBCH’s membership recruitment. Employers are encouraged to contact their brokers or LVBCH and ask about PBM programs. For more information, visit express-scripts.com or welldyne.com.

About LVBCH

LVBCH is a multi-state, not-for-profit, coalition of employers striving to provide access to quality affordable healthcare for their employees. The Coalition’s mission is to improve the delivery, cost and quality of health care in our communities through: Collective employer action; Quality and data initiatives; Value based purchasing; and, Providing forums for the exchange of information, ideas and resources. The Coalition is also a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit www.LVBCH.com.

About Express Scripts

Express Scripts is a health care opportunity company. Empowered by Express Scripts’ legacy as an industry innovator, Express Scripts dares to imagine — and deliver — a better health care system with greater choice, predictability, affordability and improved outcomes. From pharmacy and medical benefits management, to specialty pharmacy care and everything in between, Express Scripts uncovers opportunities to make health care better. Express Scripts stands alongside clients and partners, collaborating to develop personalized solutions that make a meaningful difference in the lives of those served, whenever and wherever it’s needed. Express Scripts believes health care can do more and are Champions For BetterSM. Express Scripts, a Cigna company, unlocks new value in pharmacy, medical and beyond to further total health for all. For more information, <https://www.express-scripts.com/corporate/> or follow @ExpressScripts on Twitter.

About WellDyne

For more than 25 years, WellDyne has leveraged deep clinical expertise to achieve better outcomes and reduce pharmacy trend for healthcare payers. Knowing that medications are among the safest, easiest and lowest cost treatments to help people live their best lives – WellDyne believes a smarter approach to the delivery of PBM services unleashes the full power of medications to reduce future healthcare costs. WellDyne services include wholly-owned specialty and mail order pharmacies, a retail pharmacy network and clinical programs targeted at the complex conditions driving pharmacy trend today. Visit www.WellDyne.com to learn more.

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