

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**For more information, contact:****Carl Seitz**E-mail: seitzc@lvbch.com***LVBCH Releases 2020 Type 2 Diabetes Report
With a Focus on How Cardiovascular Conditions Can Impact Diabetes Care***

Bethlehem, PA (December 16, 2020) The **Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH)** announces the release of the **2020 LVBCH Type 2 Diabetes Report™**. The 8th edition of the Report offers a broad overview of the state of diabetes in markets within the Lehigh Valley and throughout the state. Pennsylvania (PA) and national benchmarks help identify potential gaps in care and reinforce positive trends. The most recent data, current as of calendar year 2019 and spanning several years, encompass nearly 12 million unique patients nationally with a diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes.

All data in the report were gathered by IQVIA, Durham, NC, a leading provider of innovative health care data products and analytic services. In addition, a review process took place, before and during production of the Report, between IQVIA and Forte Information Resources, LLC. This is done to ensure that the information in the Report is completely independent and objective. Data in the report may be restated from prior years to account for updates to methodology and patient samples.

“This Report is LVBCH’s eighth effort to compare statewide and national benchmarks for diabetes care in the regions where the majority of our employers are located,” said Carl Seitz, President of LVBCH. “Diabetes is a major factor in employer spending for medical care can impact and further exacerbate the employee health conditions. By identifying employees with diabetes, and providing the care they need, employers can maintain a healthier and more productive workforce. We thank our partner Sanofi US for their support of this important report.

The 2020 Report provides a number of observations to help providers and employers better meet the needs of employees. Please note that throughout the Report, the **Allentown** market includes Bethlehem, Easton, and parts of New Jersey, the **Harrisburg** market includes Carlisle, and the **Scranton** market includes Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton. The **Reading** market is also included in the report.

The report includes local, state, and national information on patient demographics, use of services, pharmacotherapy, persistency, and a focus on cardiovascular conditions that can impact diabetes care. Early recognition and interventions for people at risk for diabetes and its complications are crucial to mitigating the impact of this disease on employee well-being and employer costs. Reports such as this help employers design screening and wellness programs to assist their employees in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The complete Report—in pdf version—is available on the LVBCH website at www.LVBCH.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.