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***LVBCH Announces Recognition Award Winners
St. Luke's University Health Network Garner's Quality Award
United Concordia Dental Receives Partnership Award***

Bethlehem, PA (May 8, 2015) The Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) announced the winners of its 2015 recognition awards at its 35th Annual Conference held on May 8th on the campus of DeSales University, Center Valley, PA. This marked the sixth consecutive year that LVBCH chose to recognize outstanding Coalition members for their contributions to the Coalition and the communities they serve.

St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN) was the recipient of the Catherine A. Gallagher Quality Award for its commitment to transparency and quality improvement. The award was named in honor of the late Coalition president who was dedicated to improving the quality of medical care. In naming St. Luke's the award recipient, Tom Croyle, LVBCH president said, "*As our healthcare system transitions to paying for value rather than volume, employers need to recognize health care providers who stand out as leaders in the areas of patient safety, quality outcomes and transparency. In working with the St. Luke's, it's clear they bring a high level of discipline, rigor as well as infrastructure to their quality efforts as demonstrated by achieving an "A" patient safety rating from the Leapfrog Group and being recognized by Truven Health Analytics as one of the nations' 100 Top Hospitals*" said Croyle.

Named the Partnership Award winner was **United Concordia Dental** for its efforts at providing quality, cost-effective and affordable dental plans to Coalition member employers. United Concordia offers a wide range of self-insured and fully-insured products tailored to the needs of employers. In making the presentation, Tom Croyle, LVBCH president, said, "*We are recognizing United Concordia for their outstanding collaboration and support of LVBCH as employers seek value for their healthcare dollars. United Concordia is a leading contributor to our continued membership growth with over 100,000 people receiving dental benefits through our United Concordia dental programs*" said Croyle.

Accepting for their respective organizations were **Joel Fagerstrom**, (*Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer SLUHN*) and **Gregory Fisher** (*Mid-Atlantic Region Sales Manager United Concordia Dental*).

About LVBCH

LVBCH is a multi-state, not-for-profit coalition of employers striving to provide the finest health care coverage possible for their employees, in the most economical fashion. 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 Business Coalition on Health, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit www.LVBCH.com.