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Crown Medical Center honored by UCare at its Salute to Excellence! event

Event held to recognize top-performing Minnesota clinics and care systems in UCare's Pay for Performance Program

MINNEAPOLIS, May 18, 2011 — UCare held its annual provider recognition event on May 3 to recognize outstanding performances by Minnesota clinics and care systems that participated in UCare's Pay for Performance Program (P4P).

Among the providers recognized at UCare's "Salute to Excellence!" event were Dr. Chike Onyekaba and Dr. Joyce Onyekaba of Crown Medical Center. This medical center, with clinics in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center and a nonprofit division as well, was recognized by UCare's P4P program for Medicaid Overall Performance Quality of Care.

Drs. Chike and Joyce Onyekaba joined UCare's management and representatives from other provider groups at the University of Minnesota's McNamara Alumni Center. At the gathering, UCare recognized top-performing health care professionals and organizations providing health care to members of UCare's Medicare programs and Minnesota Health Care Programs (MCHP), such as MinnesotaCare and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP).

"We are delighted to honor these health care providers, who worked so hard on behalf of UCare members in Minnesota" said Nancy Feldman, President and CEO, UCare. "We designed our Pay for Performance Program to reward clinics and care systems of all sizes that achieve measureable improvements in key quality-of-health measurements. We are very pleased to honor Crown Medical Center for its fine performance in 2009."

2009 Pay for Performance Program results

UCare's Pay for Performance (P4P) program paid **\$2,160,750** to clinics and care systems across Minnesota for their performance in key quality-of-health measurements achieved in 2009.

All results achieved in 2009 were analyzed in 2010; payments were made in November 2010. These payments recognized and rewarded providers for superior or improved performance in measurable key areas of preventive care.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 200,000 members. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, community organizations, and other member-directed groups to create and deliver innovative health coverage products for:

- Medicare-eligible individuals throughout Minnesota and in western Wisconsin.
- Individuals and families enrolled in income-based Minnesota Health Care Programs, such as MinnesotaCare and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program.
- Adults with disabilities and Medicare beneficiaries with chronic health conditions.
- Minnesotans dually eligible for Medical Assistance and Medicare.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through its UCare Fund grants and a broad array of community initiatives.

About Crown Medical Centers

Crown Medical Centers, www.crownmedicalcenter.org, provide medical, preventive healthcare and health education outreach services to residents of the greater Twin Cities, including those who are underinsured and/or uninsured. Crown Medical Centers offer urgent/ primary care, mental health, physical therapy & weight loss, immigration physical and travel Clinic services along with in-house laboratory/diagnostic services. In the state of Minnesota CMC ranks in the top bracket of cultural specific centers that cater to the health needs of all people with the goal of bridging health disparities gap. Since its inception 6 years ago, CMC has offered medical services, preventive health education classes, and health screening to over 10,000 residents of Minnesota. For our patients' convenience, the clinic has 2 locations: one in Minneapolis and another in Brooklyn Park.

The mission of Crown Medical Center and its nonprofit division, Crown Medical Support Services, is to reduce cultural and linguistic barriers that lead to health disparities and to offer high quality, comprehensive medical support services and health education to all in need, regardless of income or insurance, with the goal of improving the health and well-being of Minnesota residents.



Dr. Chike Onyekaba and Dr. Joyce Onyekaba with UCare's President and CEO, Nancy Feldman, and UCare's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Russell Kuzel