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PA Health & Wellness Donates 12,000 Face Masks to PA Healthcare Workers
PHW Partnering with SEIU Healthcare PA amid COVID-19 Pandemic

PITTSBURGH (April 21, 2020) – PA Health & Wellness (PHW) announced today it has donated 12,000 KN95 face masks to SEIU Healthcare PA (Service Workers International Union) to distribute to providers in Skilled Nursing Facilities across Pennsylvania.

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania is experiencing severe shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) as the health care system faces a surge in novel coronavirus (COVID-19) patients.

“PA Health & Wellness is pleased to supply Pennsylvania healthcare workers with PPE at such a crucial time,” said Justin Davis, PA Health & Wellness CEO and Plan President. “Nursing facility and home care workers are on the front lines against this virus. We want to ensure that the critical work of our partners to protect the safety and health of our participants — as well as their own — can continue throughout this unprecedented crisis.”

“Members of SEIU Healthcare PA are among thousands of frontline healthcare workers across the Commonwealth fighting this invisible enemy. Thankfully, our members have their union, and we're proud to partner with organizations like PA Health & Wellness to get urgently needed PPE to skilled nursing and home care workers. There is no population of residents and consumers more vulnerable than those in homes and in skilled nursing facilities,” said Matt Yarnell, President of SEIU Healthcare PA. “It's essential that nursing home and homecare workers have the protection they need to keep themselves and their residents safe. We are stronger together, and that has never been more true than now.”

SEIU Healthcare PA will distribute the masks to skilled nursing facilities based on the highest priority and to those communities most in need.

PHW and SEIU Healthcare PA have collaborated on many community initiatives over the past three years; all with the goal of providing the best resources and outcomes to healthcare workers, providers, and the community.

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PA Health & Wellness is a local health insurance provider that is committed to improving the health of the Pennsylvania residents, one person at a time, through access to healthcare coverage. Established to deliver quality healthcare in the state of Pennsylvania through local, regional and community-based resources, PA Health & Wellness is a Managed Care Organization and subsidiary of Centene Corporation (Centene). PA Health & Wellness exists to improve the health of its beneficiaries through focused, compassionate and coordinated care. For more information, visit PAHealthWellness.com for more information.