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PA Health & Wellness Supports Community Needs during COVID-19 Pandemic

Partnerships and programs address the social determinants of health in Central Pennsylvania

SCRANTON, PA (April 21, 2020) – During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, people across Pennsylvania are facing challenges that extend beyond medical care and include basic daily needs such as food, internet connectivity, and essential supplies. Centene, a leading multi-national healthcare company, has partnered with various organizations to support efforts that address these social determinants of health. PA Health & Wellness, as part of the Centene family, will be deploying these programs locally in Pennsylvania.

Social determinants of health are non-medical barriers to achieving quality health outcomes. They include socioeconomic and environment factors such as food accessibility, employment, education, and more. Research shows that medical care accounts for approximately 10 to 20 percent of health outcomes, while the other 80 to 90 percent is affected by the social determinants of health.

“The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are far-reaching and have extended beyond medical care to affect people’s access to food, employment, connectivity, and more,” said Justin Davis, CEO, and Plan President of PA Health & Wellness. “These social determinants of health have a significant impact on people’s overall wellbeing, especially among vulnerable populations. PA Health & Wellness wants to help ensure we’re supporting the additional needs of communities during this challenging time.”

Hunger and Food Security

The demand on food banks has significantly increased during this pandemic, and it is estimated that these organizations will need an additional \$1.4 billion in funding during the next six months to provide food assistance to people facing hunger.

As part of its effort to address hunger and food security, PA Health & Wellness has donated to Scranton-based Friends of the Poor to provide food for more than 1,000 families.

Healthcare and Educational Supplies

To ensure community members have access to crucial supplies during this time of need, PHW, in coordination with Centene, will be donating 500 gift cards to two Scranton-based non-profit organizations. The gift cards will have a value of \$35 and can be used to purchase essential healthcare and educational items, including diapers, over-the-counter medicines, cleaning supplies, and books.

PHW will deliver half of the cards to Serving Seniors, Inc., which will use the donation in conjunction with their Operation Reach Out program, to deliver cards, letters, and other essentials to assist long term care residents experiencing isolation.

The other half of the cards will be delivered to United Neighborhood Centers, which will distribute cards to vulnerable families and individuals struggling to access sufficient food and resources during this critical time. Lisa Durkin, President and CEO of United Neighborhood Centers said, “United Neighborhood Centers is grateful for the generosity of PA Health & Wellness and their thoughtful response to assisting individuals in need”.

PA Health & Wellness has been supporting Pennsylvania residents since 2017 across its Community HealthChoices, Allwell from PA Health & Wellness and Ambetter plans. Its efforts to address the social determinants of health reinforce its long-standing commitment to supporting the whole health of the community, one person at a time.

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About PA Health & Wellness

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.

About Centene Corporation

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