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Delaware State Legislature Recognizes Christiana Care for its Care Coordination Service

(WILMINGTON, Del. – March 30, 2018) The Delaware State Legislature recognized [Christiana Care Health System](#) for its thriving patient-centered care coordination service Carelink CareNow during a special ceremony March 13 at Legislative Hall in Dover.

State Rep. David Bentz, chair of the Delaware Health & Human Development Committee, presented the recognition to Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, president and CEO of Christiana Care Health System. [Click [here](#) for photos of the event.]

Carelink CareNow is the most recent winner of the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award, the nation's preeminent recognition for quality and safety in health care. Christiana Care received the award for Local Level Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality, which recognizes organizations that have made an extraordinary impact on care at the community level.

Dr. Nevin praised the State Legislature for the foresight to create the Delaware Health Information Network, which contains secure data that powers Carelink CareNow.

“Carelink CareNow is a shining example of how we, as a state, can get to better health at lower cost – to value,” Dr. Nevin said. “Carelink CareNow is highly successful proof that chronic diseases, which can be very costly to treat, can be managed in a way that improves health, allows patients to stay at home and out of the hospital, and takes costs out of the system.”

Carelink CareNow's unprecedented predictive analytics capabilities and innovative care coordination improve health care safety, quality, value and access to care for nearly 104,000 people in the greater Delaware region. Many present with chronic diseases and conditions such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes that are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Data is constantly monitored in a one-of-a-kind system that Christiana Care has programmed with algorithms to spot health risks so as to act quickly with the right response from a team that includes pharmacists, behavioral health specialists, nurses and social workers. This team partners

with primary care doctors to keep people well – and out of the emergency department and out of the hospital – living their lives in ways that are meaningful to them.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 11th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services and works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

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