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**Unity Commercial HMO / POS Plans and Gundersen Medicare Plans  
Receive Quality Recognitions from NCQA**

**SAUK CITY, WISCONSIN** – The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has recognized Unity Health Plans Insurance Corporation (Unity) among the nation’s highest-rated private health insurance plans for its commercial HMO / POS products, as well as Gundersen Health Plan, Inc. (Gundersen) for its Medicare Senior Preferred (HMO) product. NCQA is a non-profit organization that evaluates and accredits health insurance plans across the country. Unity’s recognition is part of NCQA’s Private (Commercial) Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2018-2019. Gundersen’s recognition is part of NCQA’s Medicare Health Insurance Ratings 2018-2019.

NCQA introduced a new rating system in 2015, using three broad measures to rate health plans: consumer satisfaction with the plan, clinical quality and an assessment of the plan’s quality processes. NCQA’s overall rating for Gundersen Senior Preferred (HMO) was 4.5 out of 5 in Medicare’s Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2018-2019. Unity’s Commercial Insurance (HMO / POS) was 4.5 out of 5 in NCQA’s Private (Commercial) Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2018-2019. Unity is also Accredited for their Marketplace HMO plan, which is the highest level of accreditation that a Marketplace plan can achieve, and Unity has consistently maintained an Excellent Accreditation status for its Commercial HMO / POS plans from NCQA since 2002.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized once again among the nation’s highest-rated private commercial and Medicare health insurance plans,” said Gary Lenth, Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President of Quartz Health Solutions, Inc. “Our dedication to our members, as well as the close working relationships we have with our owners, including Gundersen Health System, UW Health and UnityPoint Health, is displayed through this ongoing recognition.”

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations and recognizes clinicians in key clinical areas. NCQA’s HEDIS® is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA’s website (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.

**About Quartz**

Quartz Health Solutions, Inc. (Quartz) is jointly owned by UW Health, Gundersen Health System and UnityPoint Health. The company manages four nationally-recognized, provider-sponsored health insurance plans: Gundersen Health Plan, Inc.; Gundersen Health Plan Minnesota; Unity Health Plans Insurance Corporation and Physicians Plus Insurance Corporation. As a third-party administrator, Quartz also services self-funded health plans. Through an extensive provider network, Quartz focuses on local, community-based health care and services for more than 350,000 customers who live in southern and western Wisconsin, parts of Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. Quartz maintains offices in Madison, Sauk City and Onalaska, Wisconsin. Quartz Health Solutions, Inc., Unity Health Plans Insurance Corporation, Gundersen Health Plan, Inc., Gundersen Health Plan Minnesota and Physicians Plus Insurance Corporation are separate legal entities. For more information, visit [QuartzBenefits.com](http://QuartzBenefits.com).

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