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**Quartz Expands Its Health Insurance Services to Employers in Northern Illinois**

**SAUK CITY, Wisconsin** – Quartz is excited to announce it will be expanding its services to employers in northern Illinois. Quartz currently offers administrative services to self-funded employer groups in the area and will now be adding Performance Plus Network HMO and Point of Service individual plan options to participants who live in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago counties.

Quartz’s collaboration with SwedishAmerican, a division of UW Health, takes patient-first care to a whole new level with the Partners Health Center benefit for small and large employers. Employees will enjoy a health care experience like no other when they select Partners Health Center as their primary care provider and medical home. All services are covered at 100 percent with no copays or cost sharing, including office visits, lab work and basic imaging. Employers who have Quartz administer their self-funded plans can offer the Partners Health Center experience to their employees.

Additional Quartz services to the northern Illinois communities include –

- Individual HMO and POS plans in the same four Illinois counties
- SwedishAmerican Senior Preferred (HMO) Medicare Advantage plan for Medicare beneficiaries in Winnebago County

“This unique partnership between a health plan and health care provider delivers a win-win for employers and employees alike,” said Terry Bolz, President and CEO of Quartz. “Employees enjoy integrated primary care, preventive and wellness care to help them live life to the fullest, while employers can protect their valuable human resources in a cost-effective manner.”

“We are excited to welcome Quartz’s Illinois expansion,” said Dr. Michael J. Born, President and CEO of SwedishAmerican. “Our collaboration on Partners Health Center will set a new standard of care in the communities we serve.”

**About Quartz**

Quartz Health Solutions, Inc. 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 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, Physicians Plus Insurance Corporation and SwedishAmerican are separate legal entities. For more information, visit [QuartzBenefits.com](http://QuartzBenefits.com).

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**About SwedishAmerican**

A division of UW Health, SwedishAmerican is dedicated to providing excellence in healthcare and compassionate care to the community. The organization serves residents of 12 counties in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin through a dedicated and caring staff, a major acute care hospital and a free-standing outpatient cancer center in Rockford, a medical center in Belvidere, a network of 30 primary care and multi-specialty clinics and the region's largest home healthcare agency. Additionally, SwedishAmerican has achieved Magnet® recognition as a reflection of its nursing professionalism, teamwork and superiority in patient care.

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