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ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND QUALCARE

ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

Morristown, NJ – NOVEMBER 29, 2011 – Atlantic Health System, a regional health care leader, and QualCare, Inc., New Jersey’s largest provider-sponsored managed care company, announced today that Atlantic Health System joins 13 other prominent New Jersey hospital systems and physician organizations as owners of the company. QualCare serves more than 750,000 members that are currently enrolled in a full range of self-insured health and workers’ compensation and liability products.

Atlantic Health System, which includes Morristown Medical Center, Overlook Medical Center, and Newton Medical Center, has nationally recognized physicians, experienced nurses and skilled staff that provide top quality and compassionate health care throughout New Jersey. The three hospitals are accredited by The Joint Commission.

Joseph A. Trunfio, CEO, Atlantic Health System, indicated that the partnership was motivated by a strong sense of shared mission between QualCare and Atlantic Health System. “This partnership enables us to collaborate with other leading health care providers in delivering high-quality health services,” Trunfio said.

As part of the changing health care landscape, Atlantic Health recently announced plans to launch an Accountable Care Organization. “Atlantic Health is partnering with CMS to work toward changing the delivery model for Medicare subscribers in northwest New Jersey,” said David Shulkin, MD, president of Morristown Medical Center, and vice president, Atlantic Health System. Integral to this plan is working with a payer who has the infrastructure and platform to provide Atlantic Health System and its physician partners the data they need to manage the cost of care and monitor the quality of service delivery. QualCare has been on the forefront of working with integrated health systems in New Jersey to position them to accept the challenge of a new world of accountability.
“We are proud to be associated with Atlantic Health System and its network of world-renowned medical professionals,” said Annette Catino, QualCare’s President and CEO. “Joseph Trunfio and his team lend another leading voice in health care to our strategic partnership, and they share our commitment to patient-oriented care. We are excited by what we can achieve together.”

Trunfio and Shulkin also have been appointed to QualCare’s Board of Directors.

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QualCare, Inc. is a full-service managed care organization that offers self-funded PPO, HMO Network, Point of Service (POS) Network, and Open Access Health Plans, third party administration (TPA) services, provider network access, utilization management services, and a Workers’ Compensation product including medical case management, network access, TPA services and medical bill review and re-pricing.

Headquartered in Piscataway, New Jersey, QualCare is owned by 14 non-profit hospitals and physician-hospital organizations. QualCare contracts with 108 acute, specialty and rehabilitation hospitals as well as almost 24,000 physicians and other ancillary providers at over 44,000 locations throughout New Jersey and the surrounding areas. Please visit us at www.qualcareinc.com.

**About Atlantic Health System**

Atlantic Health System is one of the largest non-profit health care systems in New Jersey, comprised of Morristown Medical Center, Overlook Medical Center in Summit and Newton Medical Center. The three medical centers -- all accredited by The Joint Commission -- have a combined total of 1,308 licensed beds and more than 2,750 affiliated physicians providing a wide array of health care services to the residents of Northern and Central New Jersey. Specialty service areas include advanced cardiovascular care, pediatric medical and surgical specialties, neurology, orthopedics, and sports medicine. Each of these programs has earned top ratings and recognitions in their respective fields. Atlantic Health System is the official health care partner of the New York Jets and an official health provider of the New Jersey Devils.

Morristown Medical Center’s Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute performs more heart surgeries than any other hospital in New York or New Jersey, and is one of 20 facilities across the country to perform catheter-based repair and replacement of valves on both sides of the heart; Atlantic Health System’s spine program – where surgeons perform more spine surgery than anywhere else in New Jersey – is one of just 13 hospitals across the country that has received the Gold Seal of ApprovalTM from The Joint Commission, achieving Disease-Specific Care Certification for cervical and lumbar spine treatments. With the Atlantic Neuroscience Institute based at Overlook Medical Center, the hospital serves as the hub for the New Jersey Stroke Network, and serves about 40 percent of the state’s stroke patients. The system’s Goryeb Children’s Hospital offers more than 100 board-certified physicians in 20 pediatric specialties. Morristown Medical Center’s Emergency Department’s Trauma Center is verified as a Level I Regional Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons and designated a Level II by the state of New Jersey.

Atlantic Health System has been chosen for the past three consecutive years by FORTUNE® as one of the magazine’s “100 Best Companies to Work For®.” The organization has also been recognized four times by AARP as one of the “Best Employers for Workers over 50.” Inside Jersey magazine partnered with Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. and ranked Morristown Medical Center as the No. 1 hospital in New Jersey and the No. 1 hospital for treatment of heart failure and coronary surgery in the state. The survey findings also establish Overlook as No. 1 for the treatment of neurological disorders and No. 2 for stroke treatment in NJ. Atlantic Health System is a Major Clinical Research Affiliate with The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and is the primary academic and clinical affiliate in New Jersey of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and The Mount Sinai Hospital.