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UCare expands its Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) to three central Minnesota counties in 2020

Health plan will be one of two options in Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23, 2019 ─ UCare's PMAP Medicaid program will serve individuals and families in a total of 41 counties in 2020, with the addition of Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. These counties exited the South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) plan for 2020. As a result, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) invited UCare to enter the 3 counties as a health plan option for individuals losing their SCHA plan. UCare is one of two plans available to approximately 11,900 former SCHA members.

UCare, a community-based, nonprofit health plan, currently serves a total of 2,416 members in these three counties. UCare plans available in the area include Medicare, MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO), Minnesota Senior Care Plus, and individual and family health plans. PMAP is a plan that covers Minnesotans who have income less than 135% of the federal poverty level, or about $16,000 annually. The program pays for most of the covered health care costs for eligible people in the household.

"We are excited to welcome new PMAP members in 2020 and provide them with UCare coverage and care coordination," said Ghita Worcester, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer. "We continue to work closely with DHS and the three counties to ensure an easy transition for affected members."

About UCare
UCare is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 430,000 members throughout Minnesota and parts of western Wisconsin. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver Medicare, Medicaid and Individual & Family health plans.

The health plan addresses health care disparities and care access issues through a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for ten consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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