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Gateway and Employer Alliance Announce Affiliation with American Health Network

-Revolutionary new healthcare plan available in Central Indiana-

Indianapolis, Ind. – Central Indiana residents will now have access to an innovative new healthcare product that will give patients a larger voice in their own healthcare. Terry Kopp, CEO of Indianapolis-based Gateway Medical Resource Alliance, and Dr. Ned Lamkin, President of the Indiana Employers Quality Health Alliance, are pleased to announce that American Health Network has joined other physicians in participating in their partnership's new approach to health care.

The Gateway-Alliance product is a quality-driven approach to healthcare that includes wellness-based incentives to lower health risks to employees and employers. Medical professionals rate the quality of care and employers are assured of peer-reviewed quality ratings. Focusing on the total health and wellness of the individual, care by high quality efficient physicians and hospitals, and eliminating many existing managed care costs, this plan can lower costs to employers by at least 10 percent.

“Our affiliation with the Gateway-Alliance product represents an opportunity for patients to get more efficient, better quality healthcare,” said Ben Park, M.D., president and Chief Executive Officer of American Health Network. “I believe this unique plan will help increase the quality and efficiency of health care while allowing patients to have more control over their own personal health care decisions.”

Physicians participating in this Gateway –Alliance partnership for quality driven healthcare have participated in a quality assessment using measures defined by their peers. Employers using the product offer incentives to their employees to encourage them to seek care through higher quality providers. Patients can go to Gateway's web site to review physicians' quality ratings and view information regarding physicians' education and training.

Employers realize lower healthcare costs through lower health risk among employees and dependents, improved utilization through higher quality care, and elimination of excessive middleman markups. “Through this new, innovative approach, we hope to align incentives for all stakeholders. The inclusion of American Health Network is a significant advance in the effort to provide Central Indiana employers with a collaborative, and yet competitive, program for quality care and cost efficiency,” says Dr. Lamkin.

With locations in Indiana and Ohio, American Health Network is a patient-focused company that is committed to putting physicians in charge of managing and directing the delivery of health care in the local community. Employing approximately 200 physicians and 1,300 employees, American Health Network provides a wide range of services and capital to family physicians and specialists seeking both economies of scale and technology to provide better care to their patients. Working together with physicians, American Health Network strives to continue expansion into underserved communities and improve the medical services of physicians while ultimately providing the best health care possible to patients. More information on American Health Network can be found on their website at www.ahni.com.

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The Gateway Medical Resource Alliance and Indiana Employers Quality Health Alliance Quality-Driven Healthcare Partnership is a quality driven healthcare approach that includes wellness-based incentives to lower health risks of employees and collaboration among physicians, health care facilities and employers to align incentives and contain costs through improved quality.

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