



Think Whole Person Healthcare Leads the Change in Healthcare Nationally Ranked 8th in Quality, 29th in Cost

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 - Omaha, NE: For the first time, Nebraska Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), enjoyed Medicare shared savings. In fact, three of Nebraska's eight ACOs earned savings, with Think Whole Person Healthcare leading the pack.

Of the more than \$17.4 million saved in 2017, Think led the way with 28.5% of the total. These savings are even more meaningful considering that Think serves less than 6.5% of the state's overall Medicare ACO population. Delivering savings per patient of \$592, this is one-and-a-half times more savings than the next highest ACO in the state.

"The fact that three of eight ACOs in Nebraska enjoyed shared savings in 2017 says we are doing a lot right to benefit the health of our citizens. We're pleased to be leading this change in Nebraska healthcare," said Think CEO Rick Pane.

Think Whole Person Healthcare delivered the state's lowest cost of care in 2017 at \$8,798. This represents a savings of \$1,244 over the Nebraska average of \$10,042 and a savings of \$2,067 when compared to the national average of \$10,865. Think also achieved the state's highest overall quality rating of 98.94%.

Think ranked number one in eight out of top thirty quality measures and ranked eighth in quality out of the nation's 472 ACOs. No ACO with higher quality had lower costs.

In the state of Nebraska, Think achieved the highest overall quality rating of 98.94%. Think ranked 29th in cost nationally and no ACO with lower cost achieved a higher quality ranking. Out of the nation's 472 ACOs, only 162 of them achieved savings in 2017.

"The statistics show that our healthcare model is making a positive impact. Think emphasizes primary care to keep our patients healthy and out of the hospital where a majority of healthcare costs are accrued," said Think Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joe Miller. "In 2017, we saw an average of 250 hospitalizations per 1,000 patients versus the national average of 325. That represents a 20% difference in the number of hospitalizations for Think patients against the national average. This is why we say our patients *stay* the healthiest."

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Think Whole Person Healthcare

Think Whole Person Healthcare is one of the largest independent primary care centers in the US. The clinic employs over 300 people across a wide range of primary care disciplines serving more than 40,000 patients.

Think is an Accountable Care Organization specifically geared towards serving the needs of patients with chronic conditions who need ongoing care coordination to keep them on goal and out of the hospital. The center is based at 7100 West Center Road, Omaha, and opened on July 6, 2015. Think takes a team approach to managing its patients with Physicians, Care coordinators, Clinical Pharmacists and RNs all working at the center of the team in a unique, integrated approach to managing older, sicker patients with multiple chronic conditions.

The clinic also has a dispensing pharmacy and key primary care functions such as Podiatry, Physical Therapy, Behavioral Health, Dentistry and Optometry. Labs, X-ray, CT, Mammograms, Ultrasound and Dexa are also all done in-house in the custom-built center and there is a convenience care center for walk-in patients.

Think physicians and clinicians see over 2,500 patients on a daily basis. Think is totally focused on customer service and committed to its mission of providing better outcomes for patients, giving them an enhanced health experience and lowering the cost of their care through looking at the whole person.

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