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**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN JOINS NORTHERN MICHIGAN HEALTH NETWORK**

Newest partnership brings added collaboration to northern Michigan's health community

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., January, 2017 – Michigan Medicine, the University of Michigan's academic medical center, is the latest member to join Northern Michigan Health Network and now is the largest health care provider in the network.

Northern Michigan Health Network (NMHN) became a recognized Accountable Care Organization (ACO) in January 2014 and is dedicated to improving a patient's quality of care while encouraging efficiencies and keeping healthcare costs down. Michigan Medicine joins network members McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, Northern Physicians Organization (a group of area primary care physicians and specialists) and The Surgery Center, and other healthcare providers.

This new collaboration with the University of Michigan will benefit the entire community as it expands the reach for the network's goal of improving lives in northern Michigan through high-quality, compassionate and coordinated healthcare.

"We are eager to work with Northern Michigan Health Network," said David Spahlinger, M.D., president, UMHS and executive dean of clinical affairs, University of Michigan Medical School. "Joining this network will improve our ability for the specialists of our world-class academic medical center to work closely with health care providers in northern Michigan communities, seamlessly sharing information that will improve the quality of care for patients."

Dr. Peter Sneed, President of Northern Michigan Health Network said: "Since coming to northern Michigan 22 years ago, I have relied on the gifted physicians from the University of Michigan to assist in caring for those patients requiring their expertise. To now have Michigan Medicine as a partner in Northern Michigan Health Network, we can further move toward achieving the triple aim of health care by improving the patient experience, improving outcomes, and decreasing costs. We are grateful Michigan Medicine has joined our current group of visionary partners and look forward to the future of healthcare in northern Michigan."

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About NMHN

Northern Michigan Health Network is a partnership between primary care physicians, specialists and hospitals to coordinate healthcare for our patients. NMHN is bringing the patient, physician and providers together to coordinate a positive patient experience by building on the patient physician relationship.

The NMHN advisory committee includes the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance, Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance, Northwestern Michigan College and the Northwest Michigan Area Agency on Aging. For more information, please visit [www.nmhn.net](http://www.nmhn.net).

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