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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Elliot Health System Reach Agreement on Pathway Network

Elliot to rejoin Healthcare Exchange Network Beginning May 1

MANCHESTER, NH — Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New Hampshire and Elliot Health System today announced Elliot Hospital, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Professional Services, and Elliot One Day Surgery Center will all rejoin Anthem's Pathway Network of New Hampshire hospitals and providers currently serving the company's Health Insurance Exchange customers in 2015.

Elliot Health System will rejoin Pathway effective May 1, and will remain in the network through the rest of this year and throughout 2016. Elliot was part of Anthem's initial Pathway Network in 2014.

"Having Elliot rejoin our Pathway Network helps to strengthen what is already a comprehensive statewide hospital and physician network that includes 21 of the state's 26 acute care hospitals. We're very pleased to be again working with Elliot and its physicians in serving our members in the greater Manchester area," said Lisa M. Guertin, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New Hampshire.

"This is excellent news for patients who have selected Anthem Pathways in the Marketplace Exchange and who would like to continue to receive their care in the Elliot network. We offer high quality clinical care from providers who are local and well respected in the community. We are pleased to be in the Anthem Pathways network and we anticipate this to be very welcome news to the community we serve," said Jim Woodward, President & CEO, Elliot Health System

The Pathway Network includes 21 hospitals in all 10 New Hampshire counties, plus key hospitals in Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont. The statewide network also includes 78 percent of the state's primary care providers, 87 percent of the state's specialists, 87 percent of the ambulatory surgery providers, and 98 percent of the ancillary network.

Anthem was the only carrier in New Hampshire to offer plans on the exchange in 2014, and currently offers 10 individual exchange plans served by its Pathway Network: four bronze plans, three silver plans, two gold plans, and one catastrophic plan. The network, which continues to exceed all New Hampshire

network adequacy requirements, allows Anthem to offer health benefit plans on the exchange that are priced approximately 30 percent lower than a plan using its broader network.

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About Elliot Health System - Elliot Health System is a non-profit organization serving the healthcare needs of the community since 1890. The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state, serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester's designated Regional Trauma Center, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, the Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center, Elliot Memory & Mobility Center, NH Arthritis Center, Elliot at River's Edge and New Hampshire's Hospital for Children.

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