

## **Cigna Adds Affinity Health System to Its Wisconsin Hospital and Physician Network**

MENASHA, Wis., June 02, 2011 - Cigna and Affinity Health System announced they have reached an agreement that gives Cigna customers in-network access to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Calumet Medical Center in Chilton, Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, as well as Affinity's 26 clinics and nearly 250 affiliated health care professionals in northeastern Wisconsin.

"Our goal is to offer customers choice when it comes to selecting the doctor or hospital that is right for them," said Sue Podbielski, president, Cigna HealthCare Midwest Markets. "We are pleased that we have a new agreement with Affinity Health System that gives our clients additional in-network doctors and hospitals from which to receive care."

Affinity Health System offers patient-focused, team-based, primary and specialty care in its convenient, close-to-home clinics and hospitals.

"We welcome the opportunity to provide quality, personalized care to more people through our new relationship with Cigna," said Daniel E. Neufelder, president and chief executive officer, Affinity Health System. "We are both committed to helping improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve."

A complete listing of Cigna's in-network hospitals and physicians is available through an [online directory](#).

### **About Cigna**

Cigna (NYSE: CI) is a global health service and financial company dedicated to helping people improve their health, well-being and sense of security. Cigna Corporation's operating subsidiaries in the United States provide an integrated suite of health services, such as medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy and vision care benefits, as well as group life, accident and disability insurance. Cigna offers products and services in 29 countries and jurisdictions and has approximately 66 million customer relationships throughout the world. All products and services are provided exclusively by such operating subsidiaries and not by Cigna Corporation. Such operating subsidiaries include Life Insurance Company of North America, Cigna Life Insurance Company of New York, and Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. To learn more about Cigna, visit [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com). To sign up for email alerts or an RSS feed of company news, log on to <http://www.cigna.com/newsroom/rss>. Also, follow us on Twitter at [@cigna](#), visit Cigna's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/cigna> and listen to Cigna's podcast series with healthy tips and information at <http://www.cigna.com/podcasts> or by searching "Cigna" in iTunes.

### **About Affinity Health System**

Affinity Health System, a faith-based regional health care network, is a partnership of Ministry Health Care and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare. Affinity Health System is the Fox Valley's third-largest employer, according to the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and has been nationally listed for three years in a row among the top 50 health systems for quality and efficiency (Thomson Reuters, Modern Healthcare; 2009, 2010, 2011). For nine consecutive years, Affinity Health System has been named to the SDI Health (formerly Verispan) Integrated Health Network Top 100, an annual assessment of the 100 most highly integrated health care networks in the nation - Affinity ranks no. 81 in the 2011 report. Both St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton and Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh rank among the top 1 percent of hospitals nationwide in terms of quality and efficiency, as determined by the 2007 Premier | CareScience Select practice National Quality Award. Network Health Plan has achieved Excellent accreditation status from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the highest possible level. It has been nationally ranked in the Top 50 Health Insurance Plans for five consecutive years in the U.S. News and World Report/NCQA Best Health Plans in America listing. Members of Affinity include Mercy Medical Center and Mercy Health Foundation, Oshkosh; St. Elizabeth Hospital and the St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation, Appleton; Affinity Medical Group, a regional network of 26 family practice and specialty clinics - 23 of which are transforming into medical home models - in 14 communities; Calumet Medical Center, Chilton; Network Health Plan, Menasha; and Affinity Occupational Health.