

## **Cigna, Good Samaritan Health and SCCIPA Form New Alliance to Improve Health Care for Santa Clara County Customers**

SAN JOSE, Calif., 20 November, 2017 - Good Samaritan Health System, which includes Regional Medical Center of San Jose, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Santa Clara County IPA (SCCIPA), an independent practice group with over 800 physicians, have entered into an alliance with [Cigna](#) to offer a simple, comprehensive and focused approach to quality care with improved affordability in Santa Clara County. Health plans will be available starting January 1, 2018.

The alliance also includes Pacific Partners Management Services (PPMSI), and both PPMSI and SCCIPA participate in the value-based [Cigna Collaborative Care](#) program. The Good Samaritan Health System hospitals and Pacific Partners are both subsidiaries of HCA Healthcare.

“By aligning Good Samaritan Health with a customized network of primary care doctors, specialists and hospitals, we’re creating a new kind of collaborative care initiative to offer Santa Clara County customers,” said Peter Welch, president for Cigna’s Northern California market. “Together we can help affiliated providers deliver measurably better care quality at a more affordable price by improving health care outcomes through the greater use of evidence-based best medical practices and more closely connecting the delivery of care for customers in need of acute treatment.”

The alliance will be governed by a joint operating committee comprising representatives from Cigna, Good Samaritan and SCCIPA.

“Together with Cigna and SCCIPA, we can develop health plans that achieve our common goals - better health and affordability, and a better experience for our patients,” said Joseph DeSchryver, chief executive officer, Good Samaritan Hospital. “When providers and payers work collaboratively, we can achieve better value for employers and individuals, greater quality in health care and stronger, healthier communities.”

“SCCIPA is pleased to be the physician network working with Cigna and the Good Samaritan Health System in this new collaboration in Santa Clara County,” said Dr. J. Kersten Kraft, SCCIPA’s president and chairman. “Our physician network has worked well with Cigna in a collaborative care arrangement for several years and has been among the highest performing physician groups in delivering high quality and coordinated health care. Expanding this relationship will bring this excellent care to more patients as they gain access to our doctors.”

The Santa Clara County alliance is Cigna’s fourth local alliance arrangement in California. The company also has local arrangements in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.

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The Good Samaritan Health System, which includes Regional Medical Center of San Jose and Good Samaritan Hospital—as well as three surgical centers and three Care Now Urgent Care centers, is committed to providing quality healthcare to residents throughout the greater Silicon Valley community. Good Samaritan Health provides a host of technologically-advanced services including cardiovascular, neurological, orthopedic, bariatric and general surgery, interventional pulmonology, along with multi-organ cancer care, and services for women and children. Good Samaritan Hospital and Regional Medical Center of San Jose are the nation's first Joint Commission Certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers and are accredited Chest Pain Centers and Community Cancer Centers. For more information about the Good Samaritan Health System, visit [www.goodsamhealthsystem.com](http://www.goodsamhealthsystem.com).

## **About SCCIPA**

SCCIPA operates like a clinic without walls, linking patients and health plans with our established network of physicians, hospitals, lab, x-ray, physical therapy and other providers. Based in San Jose, SCCIPA links over 800 physicians who practice independently throughout Santa Clara County, with 280 primary care physicians — specializing in family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics — and over 550 specialists who practice at most local hospitals.