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The MetroHealth System and VNA of Ohio Announce Preferred Provider Agreement

June 21, 2016 – Cleveland, Ohio – The MetroHealth System and Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio (VNA) are partnering to provide patients with an easier transition when going home from the hospital. VNA of Ohio will be a preferred provider for MetroHealth for home care, giving patients access to a nursing team at home with the same level of expertise as the nurses who cared for them in the hospital.

When patients are getting ready to leave the hospital, they have a choice for which home health care company will continue their care. Having the VNA easily accessible makes the choice less stressful for patients, and allows MetroHealth clinicians to be confident patients are receiving expert care and continuing to recover at home.

By working together, MetroHealth and the VNA are able to focus on the patient experience, quality of care and patient outcomes, while managing costs.

“Seamless coordination from acute to post-acute care is essential for patients recovering from injury, illness, or surgery, managing a chronic condition, and/or receiving end-of-life care. Our partnership with MetroHealth will allow these patients, and their families, to receive higher-quality services through a coordinated health system,” states Claire Zangerle, VNA of Ohio President and Chief Executive Officer.

“The mission and values of the VNA align with ours at MetroHealth and we are confident its nursing team will keep patients healthy once they leave the hospital,” said Daniel Lewis, chief operating officer at MetroHealth. “This partnership eases the burden for families, ensuring that they will continue to receive the care they need in the comfort of their home.”

About The MetroHealth System

The MetroHealth System is an essential health system committed to providing health care to everyone in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and improving the health of the community overall. Its 7,200 employees deliver care to everyone at its main campus, just west of downtown Cleveland, and at more than 25 other MetroHealth locations. It also provides health care at more than 40 additional sites in Cuyahoga County through community partnerships such as the School Health program.

MetroHealth is home to Cuyahoga County's only verified Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, and it is one of two adult and pediatric burn centers in the state of Ohio verified by the American Burn Association and the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons. In the past year, MetroHealth provided more than one million patient visits in its hospital and health centers. MetroHealth also is an academic medical center committed to teaching and research; each of its active physicians holds a faculty appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. MetroHealth has earned Magnet status, which places it in the top six percent of all hospitals nationwide for nursing excellence.

MetroHealth's mission is, "Leading the way to a healthier you and a healthier community through service, teaching, discovery and teamwork." For more information, visit metrohealth.org.

About Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio

VNA of Ohio is a non-profit, community-based healthcare organization that has been helping patients for more than 100 years. The organization works with hospitals, doctors, community agencies and companies to provide services for patients in their homes. Services include skilled nursing care, mental healthcare, social work services, rehabilitation therapies, hospice and personal care assistance. VNA of Ohio provides high-quality, comprehensive home health and hospice care to promote health, independence and dignity to those living in our communities. Learn more at www.vnaohio.org.