Dignity Health, IMS Strategically Align To Expand Access to Quality Medical Care

Dignity Health in Arizona and Integrated Medical Services (IMS), the largest multi-specialty physicians group in the Valley, announced a new strategic alignment focused on expanding access to quality health care in Arizona.

Terms of the agreement are confidential, but will involve the two organizations working together to introduce new and innovative physician alignment activities aimed at meaningfully growing an integrated health care delivery network across the state. The agreement also includes IMS joining Arizona Care Network, an accountable care organization led by Dignity Health and Abrazo Health.

“We’re always looking at creative ways to partner and collaborate with healthcare providers,” says Gregg Davis, chief strategy officer for Dignity Health’s, Arizona service area. “Together, Dignity Health and IMS will work to better meet the health care needs of our community by improving access to care, positively impacting patient experience and developing solutions to better manage the health and well-being of patient populations across the state.”

The new alignment is expected to benefit both organizations as they work together to grow an integrated health care delivery network across the state. For Dignity Health, it will help increase primary care services, enhance access to its network of aligned specialists, and help extend its mission beyond an acute-care setting. For IMS, the relationship provides strategic alignment with a nationally recognized health system, while advancing its population health and accountable care strategies, in a manner that respects and allows for physician autonomy within the medical group.

“IMS was founded on the idea that when physicians align and practice together – in a collaborative, not competitive manner – the patient benefits from a more effective and efficient health care delivery system, says Dr. John Dover, president of IMS. “Our strategic alignment with Dignity Health supports this mission and will allow us to work together to build a more expansive and integrated physician network throughout the state.”

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About Dignity Health in Arizona
Dignity Health, Arizona service area, includes four outstanding hospitals – Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, which is home of the Barrow Neurological Institute, and St. Joseph’s Westgate. From this foundation, Dignity Health in Arizona has expanded into a comprehensive health care system, which includes imaging centers, clinics, specialty hospitals, physician groups, urgent cares, insurance providers and other clinical partnerships. Dignity Health, Arizona service area, is part of Dignity Health, one of the nation’s largest health care systems.

About Integrated Medical Services
Integrated Medical Services (IMS) is a physician-led organization united through its providers’ commitment to high-quality, innovative health care. The multi-specialty group has primary care and a variety of specialist physicians throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area and in many rural locations.