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### **Center For Healthcare Solutions and The Provider Alliance Strike Agreement to Augment Commonwealth’s Commitment to Persons Living With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

*Strategic Alliance to Provide Broader Statewide Collaboration via Innovation, Data Analytics  
and Integrated Solutions for Providers and Patients Across the Continuum Of Care*

**PITTSBURGH – May 2, 2023 –** The Center for Healthcare Solutions (CFHS) and The Provider Alliance (TPA) today announce a strategic alliance to bolster statewide initiatives designed to augment operational and financial sustainability of intellectual, developmental disability and autism services (ID/A), and their long-term impact on Pennsylvania families.

The strategic alliance between the two organizations will help propel the success of nearly 200 healthcare and human services organizations, including more than 120 represented by The Provider Alliance, serving more than 35,000 people and employing 15,000 professionals and support staff across the Commonwealth of PA. Additionally, CFHS serves more than 75 hospitals, long term care facilities, specialty care facilities, and intellectual and developmental disability facility members across the state.

“As a result of this strategic alliance, we are jointly committed to leading the evolution of healthcare and community-based services across Pennsylvania through innovation, data analytics and the development of integrated care solutions,” said Patrick DeMico, executive director, The Provider Alliance. “This is particularly crucial for Pennsylvania families as our announcement comes on the heels of Pennsylvania’s launch of a Selective Contracting model aimed at a significant segment of its Medicaid ID/A services, which will introduce value-based reimbursement for the first time in the community system of care.”

According to Nick Vizzoca, president, CFHS, the new alliance will allow both organizations to share resources, knowledge, technology and expertise to deliver innovative solutions for their members. “While each organization will retain full autonomy, we now have an agreed-upon set of guiding principles, which will allow us to deliver added value to our respective members, including a seamless dues structure and other shared-services opportunities surrounding group purchasing, development and a strengthened and more strategic educational ecosystem for healthcare leaders and their organizations across the Commonwealth.”

One upcoming opportunity includes the Disability & Mental Health Summit, which will be hosted by PA State Rep. Dan Miller (D-42), May 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Beth El Congregation, 1900

Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA. The Summit is one of the largest assemblies of disability and mental health resources in Western PA, and is attended by advocates, self-advocates and professionals alike.

Both Vizzoca and DeMico stress the importance of aligning their organizations to improve the lives of Pennsylvanians and their families who are living with an intellectual or development disability to ensure they get access to the affordable care and support they need where and when they need it to thrive. “Our collaboration means we can do better for our neighbors who need specialized care, while also supporting the infrastructure that enables and empowers them,” said DeMico.

Vizzoca added: “As the healthcare ecosystem continues to evolve, the organizations that help augment the way care is delivered in our state must also evolve to meet the needs of modern healthcare challenges. We look forward to working with legislators, advocates, families and facilities statewide to ensure we continue strengthening the continuity of care so many people need.”

For more information about the strategic alliance, visit [center4hcs.org](http://center4hcs.org) or [provideralliance.org](http://provideralliance.org).

#### ***About The Provider Alliance***

*The Provider Alliance (TPA) supports agencies that serve people with intellectual disability and autism across Pennsylvania. We do this through collaboration, advocacy, innovation and information-sharing across our membership. The Provider Alliance promotes best practices and workforce development to help our members deliver safe, supportive, and compassionate services that our part of the fabric of our local communities. Visit [www.provideralliance.org](http://www.provideralliance.org).*

#### ***About the Center for Healthcare Solutions***

*CFHS represents a continuum of healthcare providers, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, long-term acute care providers and specialty hospitals across a 30-county area, preparing healthcare leaders to fulfill their promise of providing the highest quality care to the communities they serve with influential thinking, data-driven results and innovative ideas. CFHS works collaboratively to provide members with expertise in hospital operations, management, finance, quality, government relations, communications, grant funding, clinical operations, health information management, business development, reimbursement and governance, among others. For more information, visit [www.center4hcs.org](http://www.center4hcs.org).*