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PEAK VISTA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS' UNION CENTER EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home™ standards emphasize enhanced care through patient-clinician partnership

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) today announced that Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) of Colorado Springs has received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by clinician-led care teams that coordinate treatment across the health care system. [Research](#) shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs, and can improve patient and provider reported experiences of care.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Peak Vista has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

To earn recognition, which is valid for three years, Peak Vista demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. NCQA standards aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

To find clinicians and their practices with NCQA PCMH Recognition, visit <http://recognition.ncqa.org>.

About NCQA

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS[®]) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's Web site (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a non-profit organization whose mission is "to provide exceptional healthcare for people facing access barriers." Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services to more than 80,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak region and the East Central Plains. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit www.peakvista.org.