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Community Care Network of Kansas Partners to Celebrate National Rural Health Day

TOPEKA – Community Care Network of Kansas will join the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and other state/national rural stakeholders in celebrating National Rural Health Day on Thursday, November 21.

Community Care Network of Kansas will highlight member clinics via social media. Community clinics serve as cornerstones in their respective communities by integrating behavioral, medical and dental services to focus on whole-body care-regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Community Care Network of Kansas will highlight member clinics via social media.

More than 1 million Kansans live in rural and frontier communities through Kansas. "These small towns are wonderful places to live and work; they are places where neighbors know each other and work together," said Denise Czyman, CEO of Community Care. "The hospitals and providers serving these rural communities not only provide quality patient care, but they also help keep good jobs in rural America."

Rural communities also face unique healthcare needs. "Today more than ever, rural communities must tackle accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, the needs of an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens," Czyman said. "Meanwhile, rural hospitals are threatened with declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate funding levels that makes it challenging to serve their residents."

NOSORH founded National Rural Health Day as a way to showcase rural America; increase awareness of rural health-related challenges; and promote the efforts of NOSORH, State Offices of Rural Health and others in addressing those challenges. National Rural Health Day is an annual day of recognition. It occurs on the third Thursday of November.

Additional information about National Rural Health Day can be found at PowerofRural.org. To learn more about NOSORH, visit www.nosorh.org. To learn more about Community Care Network of Kansas, visit communitycareks.org.

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