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The Kentucky Health Collaborative Joins Strategic Regional Healthcare Organization, The National Association (SRHO)

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The *Kentucky Health Collaborative* (“KHC”) is the newest Member to join *Strategic Regional Healthcare Organizations, The National Association (SRHO)*.

SRHO serves as a forum for Members to pursue collective efforts on population health/risk contracting, radical cost reduction, development of new businesses initiatives as well as advocacy at the national level. Association Members have access to invaluable resources and opportunities to work within a large network of SRHO peers to accelerate performance and grow through the exchange of experiences, best practices and knowledge.

“The Kentucky Health Collaborative as our newest member is a great and significant addition. With more than 60 hospitals it brings the total membership of SRHO to 396 hospitals. The membership of KHC is very strong with significant, nationally recognized member systems and academic health centers” says SRHO Board Chair, Greg Devine.

First established in March 2016, today the KHC is comprised of ten (10) leading healthcare systems, representing 60 hospitals across Kentucky as well as locations in Indiana and West Virginia. Its members include: Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Baptist Health, Ephraim McDowell Health, LifePoint Health, Med Center Health, Norton Healthcare, Owensboro Health, St. Claire HealthCare, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, and UK HealthCare. Together these organizations serve patients across the Commonwealth by providing a full complement of community, tertiary, and quaternary healthcare services in ambulatory and hospital settings.

The purpose of the KHC is to be a state-wide collaborative of leading healthcare providers and systems that serves as a model for quality, safety, access, coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of care, and the advancement of benchmark clinical services, education, and research through innovative initiatives.

In its efforts to pursue these initiatives, the KHC is not an Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) nor a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), but rather as a Strategic Regional Healthcare Organization (SRHO), aimed at producing many of the same benefits while addressing local and regional healthcare needs without financial or organizational consolidation.

“The KHC is excited to join with the other members of the SRHO to share ideas and experiences in an effort to scale the learning of other health collaboratives. As the healthcare landscape continues to evolve, these new organizational structures are creating new opportunities for its members. The SRHO helps create a direct connection with these other evolving member organizations” states KHC Managing Director, David Zimba.

Currently, SRHO Members and Affiliates represent over 396 hospitals in 20 states. For more information on the organization please visit www.srho.org. Organizations interested in learning more about the benefits of membership and how to join can link directly to the membership page at <http://srho.org/membership>.

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