

EdisonHealth Network expands to include cancer treatment

CLEVELAND, OHIO (July, 2015) - The EdisonHealth Network is pleased to announce that it has selected Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield, MO as a Medical Destination of Excellence for the treatment of life-threatening cancers.

“This ground-breaking program is the first of its kind to provide individuals diagnosed with breast, colon, lung and uterine cancers rapid access to multidisciplinary, team-based ‘second opinions’ of their conditions – all carefully coordinated as ‘concierge’ experiences for modest case rates,” states Dr. John Bumberry, physician leader of the Breast Cancer Specialty Council for the entire Mercy system. “And, when surgeries are appropriate, Mercy’s team will perform them and make arrangements for follow-up care in each individual’s home community.”

“Unfortunately, numerous studies show that these cancers are often misdiagnosed or mis-staged – leading to inappropriate or suboptimal treatment approaches. We are excited to be able to help employers help their plan members get better care in these potentially life-threatening situations,” says Rick Chelko, co-founder of EdisonHealth.

EdisonHealth also provides members of contracting health plans with access to heart, valve, joint replacement, spine, and transplant surgeries at some of the highest-performing clinics and health systems in the United States. By focusing on the limited, but growing number of patients with these high cost and often mistreated conditions, EdisonHealth is able to deliver tremendous value to these individuals and health plan sponsors.

“Where people go to be diagnosed and treated can have a tremendous impact on their outcomes,” states Tom Emerick, company co-founder and former Vice President of Benefits for Walmart. “First, we want to be sure the diagnosis is correct, and then, that the treatment is appropriate. Mercy is one of the best places in the world to provide an integrated, multi-disciplinary review of cancer diagnoses and great treatment outcomes.”

To learn more about the EdisonHealth Network LLC, call 866-982-7988 or visit www.edisonhealth.net.

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About The EdisonHealth Network LLC

EdisonHealth provides members of contracting health plans with access to joint replacements, heart, valve, spine, cancer and transplant care at some of the highest-performing clinics and health systems in the United States. The service is offered to organizations with 5,000 or more employees, as well as smaller groups through third party “aggregators.” Participating employers and health plans also receive a suite of care coordination, claims payment, performance reporting and related services. EdisonHealth recently received the Validation Institute’s “seal of approval” for its integrity and proven performance with respect to reporting outcomes, contractual promises and other claims. For more information, visit www.edisonhealth.net.

About Mercy Springfield Communities

Mercy Springfield Communities is comprised of Mercy Hospital Springfield, named in the [100 Top Hospitals®](#); an orthopedic hospital; a rehab hospital; a children's hospital; five regional hospitals in Lebanon, Aurora, Cassville, Mountain View, Missouri and Berryville, Arkansas; and Mercy Clinic, a 500-plus physician clinic with 70 locations throughout the region. It is part of **Mercy**, the seventh largest Catholic health care system in the U.S, which serves millions annually. *Mercy includes 46 acute care and specialty (heart, children's, orthopedic and rehab) hospitals, more than 700 physician practices and outpatient facilities, 40,000 co-workers and more than 2,000 Mercy Clinic physicians in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Mercy also has outreach ministries in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.*