

## **EdisonHealth Announces Ochsner Medical Center as a “Medical Destination of Excellence”**

**Ochsner Medical Center, in New Orleans, Louisiana, has been chosen by the elite EdisonHealth Network as a Medical Destination of Excellence for transplant surgery. “Ochsner Medical Center enables EdisonHealth to provide health plan sponsors and their plan members with another high-performing medical center for transplant surgeries,” says Rick Chelko, president of EdisonHealth. Rick adds “Ochsner’s practice model and impressive performance results make it a great fit for our transplant program.”**

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EdisonHealth provides employer-sponsored health plans, preferred access to carefully chosen health systems that provide high quality and appropriate care to individuals faced with complex procedures. EdisonHealth’s focus is contracting with leading health systems that are committed to offering multidisciplinary, team-based approaches to the evaluation and treatment of patients. “Where people go to be diagnosed and treated can have a tremendous impact on their outcomes” states Tom Emerick, company co-founder and one of Forbes’ *13 Unsung Heroes Changing Healthcare*. “First, we want to be sure the diagnosis is correct, and the treatment is appropriate. Then, when transplant surgery is really needed, Ochsner is one of the best places in the world to receive it.”

Ochsner Medical Center joins Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, UT as one of EdisonHealth’s destinations for solid organ and bone marrow transplant services. Cardiac surgeries and related services are available at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, Oklahoma Heart in Oklahoma City, OK and Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA. Spine evaluations and procedures are provided by Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO, Geisinger and Virginia Mason.

“Inappropriate care is too often harming patients and adding unnecessary costs. So choosing the right integrated health system is more important than ever,” according to Chelko. “At a time when most healthcare news is quite somber, we’re pleased to offer a positive and effective solution for treating individuals with complex conditions.”

To learn more about the EdisonHealth Network LLC, call 866-982-7988 or visit [www.edisonhealth.net](http://www.edisonhealth.net).

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### *About The EdisonHealth Network LLC*

EdisonHealth provides members of contracting health plans with access to heart, valve, spine, and transplant care at some of the highest-performing clinics and health systems in the United States. The service is offered to organizations with 10,000 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. For more information, visit [www.edisonhealth.net](http://www.edisonhealth.net).

### *About Ochsner Medical Center*

Ochsner Health System is southeast Louisiana’s largest non-profit, academic, multi-specialty, healthcare delivery system. Driven by a mission to Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate, coordinated clinical and hospital patient care is provided across the region by 10 hospitals, both owned and managed, and more than 40 health centers in Louisiana. Ochsner is the only Louisiana hospital recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a “Best Hospital” across eight specialty categories. Ochsner employs more than 14,000 employees, over 900 physicians in over 90 medical specialties and subspecialties and conducts over 300 clinical research trials annually. Ochsner Health System is proud to be a tobacco-free environment. For more information, please visit [www.ochsner.org](http://www.ochsner.org) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.