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Michael Lynch, M.D., named Associate Medical Director at [UCare](#)

MINNEAPOLIS, July 20, 2011 – [UCare](#) has hired Michael Lynch, M.D., as the nonprofit health plan’s new Associate Medical Director. He assumed his new responsibilities on June 27, 2011.

Dr. Lynch most recently was Medical Director for [Community Health Partnership, Inc.](#), a non-profit, contracted Medicare/Medicaid care management organization based in Eau Claire, Wis.

Dr. Lynch reports to Russel Kuzel, M.D., MMM., Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, at UCare.

As a member of UCare’s management team, Dr. Lynch works with Dr. Kuzel to oversee the health care needs of UCare’s more than 225,000 members . He serves as a medical manager and policy advisor, and assists with administering UCare’s Clinical Services, Quality Management, and Pharmacy departments. He also steers the development, implementation, and maintenance of UCare’s quality improvement, utilization review, and case management activities.

“Dr. Lynch brings extensive experience with patient care, provider network development, and health plan administration to UCare,” Dr. Kuzel said. “He has worked closely with the types of populations we serve at UCare, including Medicare, Medicaid, and individuals with disabilities. Dr. Lynch is a strong addition to our clinical oversight team.”

Dr. Lynch has more than 25 years of health care experience. He earned his Bachelor of Science, Biology, degree at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine, in Chicago. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis., and later attended the Medical Informatics Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He is a board-certified physician with the American Board of Internal Medicine, and is licensed to practice medicine in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

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Prior to his responsibilities at Community Health Partnership, Dr. Lynch was with Centene Corporation/Managed Health Services in Wisconsin between 2001-2007 in two roles: first as interim Corporate Vice President, Medical Affairs, in St. Louis, Mo., and then as Regional Vice President of Medical Affairs in Milwaukee. Before Centene Corp., he was with Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee for two years as Associate Medical Director, Quality Improvement/Care Management. He also was Vice President, Medical Affairs, with Dean Health Plan in Madison, Wis., from 1996-1998, after spending 11 years in private practice as an internal medicine physician with Parkside Medical Associates, S.C., in Milwaukee.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 225,000 members. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver innovative health coverage products for:

- Individuals and families enrolled in income-based Minnesota Health Care Programs, such as MinnesotaCare and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program.
- Adults with disabilities and Medicare beneficiaries with chronic health conditions.
- Minnesotans dually eligible for Medical Assistance and Medicare.
- Medicare-eligible individuals throughout Minnesota and in western Wisconsin.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through its UCare Fund grants and a broad array of community initiatives. The health plan received Top Workplaces honors in 2010 and 2011 from the *Star Tribune*.

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