



Avella Chosen as Preferred Specialty Pharmacy for Care1st Health Plan, Arizona

PHOENIX, AZ, USA, September 11, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Avella Specialty Pharmacy today announced that it has been chosen as a preferred specialty pharmacy partner for Care1st Health Plan, Arizona. Care1st is a managed Medicaid health plan that contracts with MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc. for pharmacy benefit management services.

"We are pleased to partner with Care1st to provide specialty pharmacy services to its members," said Kevin James, R.Ph, MBA, Vice President, Managed Markets, Avella Specialty Pharmacy. "Avella's mission is to optimize patient health, and through this collaboration with Care1st and MedImpact we will be able to provide a unique level of service to these patients."

As a preferred provider for Care1st, Avella will deliver specialty pharmacy services to members of the Arizona-based managed Medicaid plan. In addition to dispensing specialty drugs, Avella will provide in-depth patient consultation and adherence monitoring. The specialty pharmacy will play a key role in optimizing patient care.

Specialty pharmacies play a key role in providing patients with complex medical conditions access to medications and in monitoring those patients to ensure correct utilization. Working as a key component of the healthcare system, Avella collaborates with providers, payors and patients to offer unique solutions to their challenges. More information about Avella and its specialty services can be found at www.avella.com.

About Avella Specialty Pharmacy

Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, Avella Specialty Pharmacy is a National Accredited Specialty Pharmacy, providing individualized care and support to patients since 1996. Avella's clinical pharmacists and staff members are experts in managing complex disease states and providing compassionate care. The company offers a nationwide distribution service to complement its retail locations. Avella reached 1,105th on Inc. magazine's 2013 list of the 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the country. In addition, the Arizona Corporate Excellence Awards has named Avella Specialty Pharmacy as the fastest-growing private company based in the state. For more information, please visit www.avella.com.

About MedImpact

MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc., founded in 1989 and headquartered in San Diego, CA, is a PBM that combines subject matter expertise with innovative technology and services to deliver better healthcare outcomes and improve its clients' positions in the market. MedImpact provides PBM services to 47 million members of health plans, hospitals and employers in the U.S. and abroad. MedImpact's model is unique: avoiding conflict of interest by deriving revenue from effectively managing client pharmacy benefits rather than dispensing drugs. MedImpact's results are quantified through detailed peer analysis, demonstrating how the company can help its clients be market leaders rather than followers.

About Care1st Health Plan Arizona, Inc.

Care1st provides coverage to beneficiaries of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) in Maricopa County, including members enrolled in the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). Care1st has been dedicated to serving families in Arizona since its inception in 2003. Effective 10/1/13, Care1st will also begin serving Pima County AHCCCS members. Care1st Health Plan Arizona, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Care1st Health Plan that has been operating in Southern California for over 19 years.

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