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**Quartz Expands to Northern Illinois, Features SwedishAmerican Providers
to Meet the Needs of Employers and Groups**

SAUK CITY, Wisconsin – Quartz is excited to announce it will be expanding its administrative services for self-funded health plans to employers and employer groups in the northern Illinois counties of Winnebago, Boone and Stephenson.

Quartz’s primary goal is to make sure the communities it serves have access to high-quality health care. One way we achieve this goal is by offering access to the provider and physician network of Rockford, Illinois-based SwedishAmerican, a division of UW Health. This means as an affiliate of UW Health, Quartz services self-funded health plans that can provide local physician access to their participants.

“As health care costs continue to rise and benefits become more complex, having Quartz here to help employers manage their self-funded health plans becomes increasingly important to our work and to finding new and better ways to serve our communities,” said Dr. Bill Gorski, President and CEO of SwedishAmerican.

We are also pleased to announce that Kelly Davit will be our dedicated Quartz sales representative in the Rockford area. As a Rockford native, Kelly brings more than 25 years of experience working with health care provider systems and employer health care purchasing organizations in northern Illinois. Her deep roots in the community and dedication to improving overall access to quality health care make her an excellent addition to our Quartz and SwedishAmerican team.

“I am very proud to be working with highly respected organizations (Quartz and SwedishAmerican, a division of UW Health). Both have an unwavering commitment to the well-being of the community,” said Davit. “I’m excited to have the opportunity to work with local employers and our Quartz network providers in offering innovative strategies that provide access to local, high-quality care.”

About Quartz

Quartz is a health plan services company. The company manages the nationally recognized provider-sponsored health insurance plans – Gundersen Health Plan and Unity Health Insurance, which are co-owned by Gundersen Health System and UW Health. As a third-party administrator, Quartz also services self-funded health plans. Through an extensive provider network, Quartz focuses on local community-based health care and services 275,000 customers who live in southern and western Wisconsin, parts of Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota from offices located in Middleton, Sauk City and Onalaska, Wisconsin. For more information visit: QuartzBenefits.com.

Quartz Health Solutions, Inc. and SwedishAmerican, a division of UW Health, are separate legal entities.

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