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**Lighthouse Health Plan Awarded
NCQA Interim Health Plan Accreditation**

Pensacola, Florida (July 11, 2019) – Lighthouse Health Plan announced today that it has been awarded an Accreditation status of “Interim” by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality.

Lighthouse Health Plan provides medical, behavioral health, and vision benefits for individuals eligible for Florida Medicaid in the 18 counties of Florida’s Medicaid regions 1 and 2. Lighthouse’s “Interim” Accreditation status is based on a voluntary review of how the health plan ensures its members are receiving high quality care.

Health plans with an interim accreditation have been determined by the NCQA to have basic structure and processes in place to meet expectations for consumer protection and quality improvement. Organizations awarded this status undergo a full survey within the following 18 months to demonstrate they have executed those processes effectively, at which point they will be eligible to receive full accreditation.

“We are proud to receive NCQA’s Interim Accreditation. This important milestone demonstrates Lighthouse Health Plan’s commitment to quality and dedication to improving the health of our members,” said Lighthouse Health Plan CEO Christie Spencer. “This is a huge accomplishment and I want to thank our clinical and quality teams for all their efforts. I especially want to thank our local physician-lead quality improvement committee, who works to oversee our efforts for attaining accreditation.”

NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA’s website (www.ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others

make more informed health care choices.

About Lighthouse Health Plan

Lighthouse Health Plan is a local, community-based health plan created and run by doctors. Lighthouse serves Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties in Medicaid Region 1 of Florida; and Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla, and Washington counties in Medicaid Region 2 as a Provider Service Network (PSN). It currently serves more than 28,000 members.

The PSN plan was created by Florida state legislature in 1997 when the Legislature authorized the Florida Medicaid program to establish a Medicaid PSN demonstration project to capitalize on high-volume Medicaid providers and their ability to manage the medical care of Medicaid beneficiaries they serve. "Provider Service Network" means an entity qualified pursuant to s.409.912(2) of which a controlling interest is owned by a health care provider, or group of affiliated providers, or a public agency or entity that delivers health services. Health care providers include Florida-licensed health care professionals or licensed health care facilities, federally qualified health care centers, and home health care agencies.

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