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Dear Provider,

We are writing to let you know that SSM Health has formed a new strategic partnership with Medica – a midwestern, non-profit health plan headquartered in Minnesota.

Under this arrangement, Medica is investing in Dean Health Plan, which is currently a wholly-owned subsidiary of SSM Health which also owns SSMHIC/WellFirst Health Plan. Medica and Dean Health Plan are both mission-driven health plans. As such we have significant similarities in our histories, operations and cultures, and share a deep community commitment. We are confident these similarities position us well as we strive to strengthen delivery of high-quality health care and insurance products to those we serve.

Together we have an even greater opportunity to support the health care needs of our members and patients, and to further enhance our provider relationships. Our new relationship is driven by innovation, technology, and a mission-driven vision. We see tremendous future possibilities to benefit our provider partners, patients and members in key areas such as operations, product enhancements, provider relationships and simplified customer service.

This new strategic partnership will not alter our current SSMHIC/WellFirst Health Plan provider networks contract with your organization. Existing member benefits and products will also be remaining in place.

We look forward to our continuing relationship with your organization and you. If you have any questions regarding our new partnership with Medica, please feel free to reach out to your assigned Provider Network Consultant or to me at either loretta.lorenzen@deancare.com or 608-827-4331.

Thank you for your continued support in serving our joint patients and members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Lorenzen".

Loretta A. Lorenzen

Vice President- Network Management & Contracting