Home at Rockford Health System. The on-site interdisciplinary team includes a Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Care Coordinator, and Long-term Services and Supports Coordinator.

“Being an Anchor Health Home in the CCAI network enhances our mission of Superior Care. Every Day. For All Our Patients,” said Michele Lippert, Rockford Health Physicians Chief Operating Officer. “We are excited about bringing a new level of care to people with disabilities and seniors on Medicaid in the Rockford area.”

Community Care Alliance of Illinois was formed by a group of concerned parties committed to improving the way health care is managed and provided to people with disabilities, including Access Living, an Independent Living Center for people with disabilities, Mt. Sinai Hospital and Schwab Rehabilitation Center, the Health and Policy Research Group, and the Family Health Network, which has provided managed care for enrollees in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program for 18 years.

Family Health Network (FHN), founded in 1995 to bring quality health insurance to those who need it the most, is the parent company of CCAI. FHN has been the only not-for-profit managed care community network serving Chicago and Cook County, and is directed by local health care providers. Through years of steady growth, FHN has become a leader in government-sponsored (Medicaid) managed care programs, serving members with excellent providers and hospitals, including psychiatric and children’s facilities. FHN has remained successful while other provider sponsored and for-profit plans have come and gone. “We think we have proven the effectiveness of the not-for-profit, community network and provider-governed model for achieving better health-care results and life quality for beneficiaries. CCAI is the next step for better care and support for people with disabilities,” said FHN CEO Keith Kudla.

Consumer control is a central part of the CCAI model. Two representatives with disabilities serve on the board of directors, and CCAI has formed a groundbreaking Disability Community Stakeholders Forum in addition to the state-required consumer advisory planning and implementation of services.

Anchor Profile: Rockford Health System

Recognizing superior commitment, quality and access for people with disabilities and seniors

As we approach the end of our first year as Illinois most innovative and consumer-led health plan for people with disabilities, we are thrilled at the relationships we have built with providers that share our mission and embrace true person-centered care. So each month we want to recognize and showcase one of our provider partners that are helping to advance the state of health care for people with disabilities. This month, we want to recognize the extraordinary commitment of Rockford Memorial Health System to CCAI and the mission to serve people with disabilities and seniors in ways that support good health and help consumers live the way they want to live.

RMHS embodies the CCAI model for an anchor health home with an accessible, disability-competent, consumer-centered and interdisciplinary approach to care.

Our team of case managers, nurse practitioners, and long-term services and support counselors have truly found a home at RMHS, where we work with an interdisciplinary team of medical professionals.

Rockford Health System’s mission is “Superior Care. Every Day. For All Our Patients.” Through:

• Performance Excellence
• Innovation
• Lifelong Learning

In the words of Gary E. Kaatz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Rockford Health System:

“Our patient-centered medical home program is taking primary care to a new level. Rockford Memorial Hospital is the only area hospital to ever receive the Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award and the only hospital to ever be named to the U.S. News & World Report list of Best Regional Hospitals. The list could go on and on. All of these accomplishments are because of the 3,500 physicians, employees and volunteers who take very seriously their responsibility to provide the highest level of care and compassion to patients in our region. I invite you to learn more about our organization and look forward to serving you and your family.”

We are grateful and excited to have RMHS as a key partner bringing innovation to the health care of people with disabilities and seniors.