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HealthSmart and Partners Health Plan Join Forces with CMS and New York State to Coordinate Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

(Dallas, Texas) November 20, 2015 — HealthSmart Holdings, Inc. announced today that it is partnered with Partners Health Plan to test a new model for providing Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with a more coordinated, person-centered care experience, brought about by a program coordinated between the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)¹.

This partnership will create a program demonstration known as Fully Integrated Duals Advantage for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (FIDA-IDD) to better serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and will focus on these individuals' long-term care needs. The FIDA-IDD Demonstration will offer more opportunities for individuals to direct their own services, be involved in care planning, and live as independently in the community as possible¹.

HealthSmart will be performing Plan Management Services for Partners Health Plan in conjunction with this FIDA-IDD program. The Company has been working with Partners Health Plan since December 2014 in preparation for this program and will be serving this business with offices and staff in the state of NY.

"HealthSmart is proud to be a part of this important program," said Marc Zech, HealthSmart's Executive Vice President and General Manager, Focused Markets. "We look forward to working with Partners Health Plan to offer Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with intellectual and developmental disabilities a quality, cost-effective and integrated solution for their healthcare."

For more information about this program, visit www.cms.gov.

About HealthSmart

For more than 40 years, HealthSmart has offered a wide array of customizable and scalable health plan solutions for self-funded employers. HealthSmart's comprehensive service suite addresses individual health from all angles. This includes claims and benefits administration, provider networks, pharmacy benefit management services, business intelligence, onsite employer clinics, care management, a variety of health and wellness initiatives and web-based reporting. The Company's headquarters is in Irving, Texas, with regional hubs throughout the country. HealthSmart's mission is to improve member health and reduce healthcare costs.

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