## PHYSICIANS' PRIMARY CARE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR TWO MORE OFFICES

NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home<sup>™</sup> standards emphasize enhanced care through patient-clinician partnership

*FORT MYERS, FL, February 7, 2023* — The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has announced that two more offices of Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida have received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.

The offices receiving the recognition are the Pediatrics South location at 18070 S. Tamiami Trail and the Fort Myers Adult Medicine office at 13196 Metro Parkway, both in Fort Myers. The two offices are the latest PPC locations to receive recognition. All other offices of PPC received the annual renewal designation earlier this year.

Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida has been recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home since 2013. The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patient experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by clinician-led care teams that coordinate treatment across the healthcare system. Research shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality, and lower costs and can improve patient and provider-reported experiences of care.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology, and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida has the tools, systems, and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

"Our goal is to provide patient-centric care to our patients. Attaining certification as a patientcentered medical home is a natural extension of this. We operate our practice to provide each patient access to their physicians, medical records, preventative care, and routine health maintenance," said Dr. Jon Burdzy, managing physician of Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida. "We have empowered all of the members of our team to advocate for our patients to improve their health and provide a better, more caring environment."

To earn recognition, Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. NCQA standards aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Osteopathic Association.

## About Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida

Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida, a physician-owned and operated medical practice, was formed in 1996 by many long-practicing local physicians. PPC has grown to become the largest physician-owned primary care practice in Southwest Florida with family medicine, internal medicine, and pediatrics. Offices are conveniently located in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, and Lehigh Acres. For more information, visit <u>www.ppcswfl.com</u>.

## About NCQA

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