



**CANCER TREATMENT CENTERS OF AMERICA JOINS NATION'S LARGEST  
INDEPENDENT NETWORK**

**AGREEMENT WITH MULTIPLAN EXPANDS ACCESS FOR CANCER PATIENT; HELPS  
GROW LOCAL ECONOMY**

Tulsa, Okla., –Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) and MultiPlan, Inc. today announced a new national network agreement that will help expand access to one of the nation’s most desired cancer treatment destinations.

Recently recognized as one of the best places to work in Oklahoma, CTCA uses an array of advanced medical treatment options combined with scientifically supported complementary therapies to meet the individual treatment needs of cancer patients with advanced stage disease. Cancer patients work with a team of physicians and clinicians who provide a fully integrated, whole person approach to aggressively treating the unique complexities of each person’s disease.

MultiPlan is the nation's oldest and largest supplier of independent, network-based cost management solutions. MultiPlan provides an estimated 40 million consumers with access to more than one-half million healthcare providers through its primary PPO and complementary networks, PHCS Network and The MultiPlan Network. The company processes more than 70 million claims each year.

MultiPlan believes adding CTCA to its networks will help cancer patients have easier access to top quality care.

“We are excited about working with Cancer Treatment Centers of America,” said Kate Mathison, senior vice president for network development at MultiPlan. “Our customers want to have a wide range of choices and affordable access to the best quality providers in the country, and CTCA has created a very high standard of care based on the complete experience of each patient.

“Treating cancer is not like other tertiary care. It demands an extraordinary, comprehensive focus that aggressively treats the tumor with an equal eye to managing side-effects and complications. We have not seen this level focus on quality of life for cancer patients anywhere else.”

The Cancer Treatment Centers of America approach to cancer care is based on the Mother Standard<sup>®</sup> – a level of quality practiced at CTCA for nearly 20 years. Using the Mother Standard, CTCA focuses on the

individual needs of each cancer patient. It combines the most advanced conventional medical treatments with scientifically supported complementary care like nutrition, naturopathic medicine, spiritual counseling, physical therapy and mind-body medicine. The physicians and clinicians work together daily in fully integrated teams in a way that redefines comprehensive cancer care from a patient's perspective.

“If your mother or some one close to you was fighting cancer – fighting for her/his life – wouldn't you want them to have access to every treatment and therapy available?” commented James Bruer, president and CEO of CTCA at Southwestern Regional Medical Center. “There is no other cancer hospital that provides under one roof, the whole-person, fully integrated care model found at CTCA.”

In addition to improving access to CTCA in Tulsa, the MultiPlan agreement is expected to help increase the projected five-year economic impact CTCA will have on the community. As more cancer patients travel to Tulsa for treatment, it is estimated that the local direct economic benefit will approach \$100 million per year.

“Our patients travel to us from all 50 states,” said Bruer. “We are a destination hospital that delivers exceptional cancer care within a very patient-centric model. Because over 80% of our patients travel to Tulsa for treatment at CTCA, there is an added economic benefit to the community.”

Pamela Baas of Mukwonago, Wis. has been traveling to CTCA for treatment of her liver cancer. Baas says going to CTCA is worth the miles. “I am alive today because of CTCA at Southwestern Regional Medical Center. The first hospital that treated me gave up and sent me to another local facility. There, my treatment consisted of useless rounds of chemo. I now have hope and health thanks to the people at CTCA. It's easier to travel 1000 miles to get there in lieu of dreading a 20-minute drive to my local hospital.”

#### About Cancer Treatment Centers of America

Founded in 1988, Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) provides a comprehensive, patient-centered treatment model that fully integrates traditional, state-of-the-art medical treatments with scientifically-supported complementary therapies such as nutrition, naturopathic medicine, psycho-social counseling, physical therapy and spiritual support to meet the special, whole-person needs of cancer patients living with complex and advanced-stage disease. With a network of cancer treatment hospitals and community oncology programs in Illinois, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Washington, CTCA encourages patients and their families to participate in treatment decisions with its Patient Empowerment Medicine<sup>SM</sup> model. For more information about Cancer Treatment Centers of America, go to [cancercenter.com](http://cancercenter.com).

## About MultiPlan

MultiPlan is the industry's most comprehensive provider of medical cost management solutions. The company provides over 2,100 clients with a single gateway to a host of primary, complementary and out-of-network strategies for managing the financial risks associated with healthcare claims. Services include PHCS Network, the country's leading independent primary PPO network, The MultiPlan Network®, the national network most often used to complement a primary PPO, fee negotiation services, a Wisconsin-based primary PPO and a national transplant network. An estimated 4,500 acute-care hospitals, 110,000 ancillary care facilities and 550,000 healthcare practitioners participate in the PHCS and/or MultiPlan networks. Clients include large and mid-sized insurers, third-party administrators, self-funded plans, HMOs and other entities that pay claims on behalf of health plans. MultiPlan is owned by a group of investors led by The Carlyle Group. For more information, visit [www.multiplan.com](http://www.multiplan.com).

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