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Hearing Examiner
C/o Mr. Steve Junior
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Dear Mr. Junior,

Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin (GHC) strongly endorses University Health Care's reacquisition of Unity Health Plan. It is our belief that health care is a local service, best delivered by systems responsive to the health care needs of the community. The close collaboration between payer and provider will help ensure seamless decision-making, minimizing the need for referrals and prior authorizations while maximizing patient satisfaction.

GHC has been working with UW Health since our inception in 1976 and has found them to be committed partners who provide superior care to our members. UW Health continues to be a leader in health care quality initiatives in addition to contributing significant resources to improving the health of our community's underserved populations. This reacquisition should have no impact on the choice and diversity of health plans for the health care consumer.

From our vantage point, the UW Health reacquisition of Unity will only have a positive impact in our community and those outside the Dane County area. It will allow health care decisions to be driven by the local environment and ensure that our community continues to benefit from the education, research and community service mission of UW Health.

Thank you for your consideration..

Sincerely,

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