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SummaCare's Medicare Advantage Plans Now Available in 41 Northern Ohio Counties

AKRON, Ohio, Oct. 7, 2013 – Beginning October 15, Medicare-eligible individuals can select comprehensive and affordable medical and pharmacy benefits from one of SummaCare's three Medicare Advantage plans. Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs through December 7 for 2014 benefits. SummaCare, based in Akron, has expanded its service area this year to 18 new counties, now covering 41 counties in the northern half of Ohio. The new coverage area includes counties in the northwest part of the state.

SummaCare plan options this year are categorized as **Ruby** (HMO), **Sapphire** (HMO-POS) and **Emerald** (HMO-POS), with monthly premiums ranging from \$0-\$165. All three plans include medical (including emergency room and urgent care) and pharmacy coverage; a \$0 co-pay for visits to SummaCare primary care physicians; and \$25-\$45 co-pays for specialist office visits, depending on the plan selected. Tier 1 preferred generic prescription drugs, 30-day or 90-day supply, have a \$0 co-pay. Optional dental coverage is also available at all levels for an additional \$25 monthly premium, through a partnership with Delta Dental.

"We are excited to be able to offer affordable plans again for 2014. We know cost is important when shopping for a Medicare Advantage plan, said Jim Loveless, SummaCare vice president for Medicare and individual products. Now with our larger service area, we have even more providers and hospitals in our network. We think this positions SummaCare as an outstanding choice for thousands of Medicare-eligible individuals who are looking for comprehensive, cost-effective and high-quality Medicare Advantage plans for 2014."

SummaCare also will continue to offer its *Healthy You* benefits to enrollees at no additional premium, including:

- SilverSneakers[®] Fitness Program for free access to participating gyms and wellness centers
- EyeMed Vision Discount Program for substantial discounts on comprehensive eye exams and hardware at participating locations
- SummaCare's 24-Hour Nurse Line for members to call with questions
- Health Manager powered by WebMD for exclusive access to an online health manager
- Free Flu Shots from any SummaCare provider
- Automatic Health Reminders to help members schedule check-ups and routine care

Additional information about the plans and expanded provider network may be obtained by calling 888-945-9854 or online at <u>www.summacare.com/medicare</u>.

About SummaCare

Established in 1993, <u>SummaCare</u> offers a full line of health plans including PPO plans and Medicare Advantage plans plus life, dental and vision plans. SummaCare has an extensive network of more than 8,000 providers and more than 60 hospitals, SummaCare is an HMO and HMO-POS health plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in SummaCare Medicare Advantage plans depends on contract renewal. The benefit information provided is a brief summary, not a complete description of benefits. Limitations, copayments and restrictions may apply. Benefits may change on January 1 of each year. You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

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