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ONECARE CONNECT SET TO BEGIN JULY 1

*New managed care plan offers coordinated, personalized care
for vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities*

ORANGE, Calif. (June 30, 2015) — Starting July 1, Orange County’s low-income seniors and people with disabilities gain access to a new health plan designed to simplify and improve their health care. The plan, called OneCare Connect, combines Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits, adds supplemental benefits, and offers personalized support — all to ensure each member receives the right care in the right setting.

“CalOptima’s launch of OneCare Connect reflects our ongoing commitment to provide quality health care to those most in need,” said Michael Schrader, CalOptima Chief Executive Officer. “OneCare Connect members will have access to more services and more support, which will have a positive impact on their health and help them maintain their independence in the community.”

OneCare Connect is part of Cal MediConnect, a demonstration program operating in seven counties throughout California. The demonstration aims to transform the health care delivery system for people eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal. These people often have several chronic health conditions and multiple providers, yet their separate insurance plans often create confusion and fragmented care. By combining all benefits in one plan, OneCare Connect delivers coordinated care while lowering costs, which are disproportionately higher for this group. Care coordination eliminates duplicate services and shifts services from more expensive institutions to home- and community-based settings.

OneCare Connect achieves these advancements via CalOptima’s innovative Model of Care, according to Richard Helmer, M.D., CalOptima Chief Medical Officer. “Our Model of Care is member-centered. Each member has a Personal Care Coordinator whose role is to help the member navigate the health care system and receive integrated medical, behavioral and supportive services. Addressing individual needs results in a better, more efficient health care experience for the member.”

Based on eligibility rules and enrollment rates, CalOptima estimates that approximately 28,000 members may participate in OneCare Connect over the next year. Most people who are eligible for the plan will be automatically enrolled in their birthday month. More information is available online at www.caloptima.org/onecareconnect.

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About CalOptima

A county organized health system, CalOptima provides publicly funded health care coverage for low-income children, adults, seniors and people with disabilities in Orange County, Calif. CalOptima’s mission is to provide members with access to quality health care services delivered in a cost-effective and compassionate manner. In total, CalOptima serves more than 730,000 members with a network of more than 7,000 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 30 hospitals.