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Dignity Health Management Services Announces New Chief Physician Executive, Dr. Armi Walker

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March 19, 2021 – Dignity Health Management Services (DHMSO) is thrilled to announce that Dr. Armi Walker has accepted the position of Chief Physician Executive (CPE) with our organization. She attended medical school at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. Dr. Walker has deep, local community connections and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization in this new role.

“We are excited to have Dr. Walker move into the senior physician leader role with DHMSO,” said Dale Villani, Chief Executive Officer, DHMSO. “Her wisdom, leadership and service focus ensures the highest quality of patient care for our members and support to our physician and hospital networks.”

As a long-time, active member of the Bakersfield medical community, Dr. Walker has an extensive knowledge of both the clinical and managed care aspects of the healthcare industry. She brings with her more than 25 years of experience practicing OBGYN as well as over 15 years of experience serving the community as Medical Director with Independence Medical Group.

“I am looking forward to stepping into my new role as CPE,” said Dr. Armi Walker, Chief Physician Executive, DHMSO. “It is our job to ensure that members have access to care and that providers have what they need to provide that care. I have an intimate understanding and knowledge of the needs of both the community and our providers, so the opportunity to bring this experience to DHMSO is exciting as we move forward doing great things in our community.”

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About Dignity Health Management Services

In 2017, Dignity Health acquired Managed Care Systems, a for-profit California based managed care organization, and launched **Dignity Health Management Services (DHMSO)**. Since the acquisition in 2017, Dignity Health has merged with Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) to form an industry leading, national health system, CommonSpirit Health. **Dignity Health Management Services** provides high quality, full-service administrative and clinical support to hospitals, independent physician networks, medical groups and employers using industry-leading innovative tools and technology to deliver better clinical outcomes. DHMSO clients are predominately physicians located throughout California and Arizona who provide clinical services to nearly 350,000 patients and members. Each provider in our network prides themselves on administering excellent and affordable care. For more information, please visit <https://dignityhealthmso.org/>