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ADVOCATE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS (ACP) NAMES DR. OSCAR J. FUKILMAN TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



New York, NY – October 14, 2015 – Advocate Community Providers (ACP), a non-profit network of physicians and providers who serve more than 644,000 Medicaid patients in predominately lower-income, underserved Hispanic, Asian and African-American communities throughout New York City, today announced the appointment of Dr. Oscar J. Fukilman to its Board of Directors.

Dr. Fukilman is a Board-certified Internist whose practice is located in Astoria, Queens. He maintains hospital privileges at Mt. Sinai Hospital of Queens in Astoria. Dr. Fukilman completed his medical studies at Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires.

"ACP is proud to welcome Dr. Fukilman to our Board of Directors. Dr. Fukilman epitomizes ACP's approach to community-based health care. He is a dedicated primary care physician who has practiced in Astoria for 35 years, contributing to the wellbeing of thousands of community members," said **Dr. Ramon Tallaj, Chairman of ACP**. "I am confident that our Board will benefit from his more than 40 years of experience as a physician serving the Hispanic community."

"I am proud to join the Board of ACP, an organization that recognizes the critical role of local physicians in our immigrant communities," said **Dr. Fukilman**. "I look forward to contributing to ACP's success in transforming New York's health care system to cost effectively deliver comprehensive preventative care to individuals and families with Medicaid."



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Dr. Tallaj added: “On behalf of the ACP Board, I also would like to thank Dr. Emilio Villegas, a founding member of ACP, who has served our organization tirelessly. We are grateful for his many contributions as a Board member and appreciate his continuing participation as an ACP participating physician.”

ACP’s goal is to give individuals and families participating in Medicaid access to a state-of-the-art, inter-connected system with hundreds of clinics and doctor’s offices throughout the city. ACP, which includes more than 1,700 independent physicians, hospital partners and community-based organizations, supported by North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc. (NSLIJ), is the only community-based, physician-led network in New York State’s Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program.

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About Advocate Community Providers

Advocate Community Providers (ACP) unites 1,700 individual, independent physicians with 400 hospital partners and community-based organizations dedicated to health, wellness and social services in lower-income, underserved Hispanic, Asian and African-American communities throughout New York City. Representing 644,000 patients across four boroughs of New York City, ACP was created in partnership with North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc. (NSLIJ). ACP’s mission is to convene safety-net providers, partners and other stakeholders to create a culturally competent, patient-centered, comprehensive and coordinated service care model to meet the needs of individuals and families participating in Medicaid. ACP is one of 25 Performing Provider Systems (PPS) in New York’s Delivery Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program to transform the State’s Medicaid system. DSRIP’s goals include reducing avoidable hospitalizations and ensuring that patients and their families with Medicaid switch to a community-based care system that emphasizes preventative care over reliance on the emergency room.