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## **Ryan Network Receives Level 3 “Patient-Centered Medical Home” Designation**

(NEW YORK – April 20, 2011) – The William F. Ryan Community Health Network has received Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) designation – the highest level achievable – from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

This designation reflects the Ryan Network’s commitment to employing systematic processes and the latest in information technology, which will enhance the quality of care to the thousands of patients seen by Ryan. The PCMH designation also means that the Ryan Network will qualify for an increase in annual Medicaid reimbursement rates.

“At Ryan, we have always provided the highest level of quality healthcare to our patients who are from the most medically underserved communities in New York City – and this PCMH designation is further proof of that,” said Barbra E. Minch, President and CEO of the Ryan Community Health Network. “The Ryan Network is truly patient-centered, from the preventive and primary health care services offered at our four main primary care locations, and 10 additional sites, to the use of technology such as electronic medical records to help streamline patient visit, and enable practitioners to have easy access to clinical information. We appreciate this recognition by NCQA.”

The NCQA’s Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition Program emphasizes the systematic use of patient-centered, coordinated care management processes in nine standard categories, including patient tracking, patient self-management and support, performance reporting and improvement, and advanced electronic communications.

### **About the Ryan Community Health Network**

For almost 45 years, the family of Ryan Community Health Centers has provided medically underserved New Yorkers with access to high quality, affordable, culturally and linguistically appropriate, primary, preventive, specialty health care, and supportive services. Operating under the principal that “**health care is a right, not a privilege,**” the Ryan Network opens its doors to all people, regardless of their income, race, or the language they speak.

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