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**MEDCARE EQUIPMENT COMPANY EXPANDS INTO CENTRAL
PENNSYLVANIA THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH UPMC PINNACLE**

GREENSBURG, PA, May 1, 2018 ... MedCare Equipment Co, LLC, which offers home medical equipment and respiratory therapy services to patients in western Pennsylvania, is expanding its business into central Pennsylvania through a new partnership with UPMC Pinnacle based in Harrisburg. The new company will be known as **MedCare Susquehanna Valley LLC**. Effective May 1, 2018, the company will serve patients in need of oxygen, CPAP, ventilators, beds, wheelchairs and other home medical equipment from a new warehouse and retail location in Mechanicsburg.

MedCare Susquehanna Valley LLC is jointly owned by MedCare Equipment Company LLC and UPMC Pinnacle. The new company expects to employ up to 38 team members, including respiratory care technicians, delivery drivers and customer care associates in the central Pennsylvania region to support the operation. The company will accept all major insurance plans.

“MedCare’s focus is on patients and how best to assist them in transitioning from the hospital to home in the most effective and caring manner possible,” said John M. Sphon, CEO of MedCare Equipment Company LLC, who will also serve as the CEO of MedCare Susquehanna Valley LLC. “We have been serving patients, physicians, hospitals, and extended care facilities throughout western Pennsylvania for many years. Working with care providers, MedCare has become a valuable part of the care continuum, helping to impact readmission rates and length of stay through effective clinical and customer service. We are excited about this new partnership with UPMC Pinnacle and look

forward to helping and caring for patients in need of quality medical equipment and oxygen services in their home.”

“This venture has far reaching benefits for our region and our hospitals as we support our patients when their health requires special medical equipment, supplies, or home oxygen and respiratory therapy,” said William Pugh, UPMC Pinnacle executive vice president and chairman of the board for MedCare Susquehanna Valley LLC.

“By meeting patient’s medical equipment and respiratory therapy needs and simplifying the process for them, we’re continuing their care and our dedication to their quality of life, safety, and independence well beyond their hospital stay.”

About UPMC Pinnacle:

UPMC Pinnacle, part of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) as of September 1, 2017, is a nationally recognized leader in providing high-quality, patient centered healthcare services in central Pennsylvania and surrounding communities. Its more than 2,900 physicians and allied health professionals and approximately 11,000 employees serve a 10-county area at outpatient facilities and eight acute care hospitals: UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg, UPMC Pinnacle Community Osteopathic, UPMC Pinnacle West Shore, UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle, UPMC Hanover, UPMC Lancaster, UPMC Lititz, and UPMC Pinnacle Memorial.

About MedCare Equipment Co., LLC

MedCare Equipment Co., LLC. is headquartered in Greensburg and employs more than 340 individuals serving 40,000 patients across western Pennsylvania, southern New York, eastern Ohio, and northern West Virginia. MedCare Equipment Co. LLC is a partnership consisting of eight health systems: Excelsior Health in Greensburg; Conemaugh Health System/Duke LifePoint Healthcare in Johnstown, Butler Health System in Butler; Heritage Valley LLC Health System in Pittsburgh, Washington Health System in Washington; St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, Indiana Regional Medical Center in Indiana and UPMC Health

System in Pittsburgh. Recipient of the 2015 HME Excellence Award, MedCare Equipment Co. is accredited by the Compliance Team, a national accrediting body focused specifically on home medical equipment.