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### **United Health Foundation Awards PHA Foundation \$750,000 Grant to Support Home-Based Care in Responding to COVID-19**

**Lemoyne, Pa. (May 13, 2020)** —The United Health Foundation has awarded the Pennsylvania Foundation for Home Care and Hospice a \$750,000 grant to support home-based care providers and workers in responding to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania.

The foundation will utilize the grant to purchase and distribute PPE to home-based care providers across Pennsylvania, with priority focus on those communities most impacted by COVID-19. A portion of the grant will also be used to develop and share free, online training videos for direct care workers, relating to providing care and best practices during the COVID-19 emergency. The training videos will be shared through PHA's free online training portal, *My Learning Center*, which offers more than 60 complimentary online courses for caregivers.

"Throughout this public health crisis, PHA has been focused on supporting homecare, home health, and hospice workers by providing our members and other community providers with a wide range of education and resources," said PHA CEO Teri Henning. "Our top priority is to ensure that all providers have the tools and resources needed to keep themselves and those they serve safe at home during this time. We are excited to expand our ability to support providers through this initiative with the United Health Foundation."

To date, UnitedHealth Group has committed nearly \$75 million to fight COVID-19 and support impacted communities, including health care workers, hard-hit states and localities, seniors and those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has presented significant challenges for home care, home health and hospice providers, and the individuals they care for," said Michel Lentz, Executive Director, Medicare & Retirement for Pennsylvania and Delaware, UnitedHealthcare. "Our partnership with the Pennsylvania Homecare Association will help ensure these critical health care workers have the protection and support they need to provide essential care during these challenging times."

PHA and the foundation greatly appreciate the United Health Foundation's support during this public health crisis.

**About PHA...** The Pennsylvania Homecare Association is a statewide membership organization of more than 700 homecare, home health and hospice providers. PHA members provide quality care and serve as advocates for their patients and clients on a variety of healthcare related issues. PHA and its members work to improve professional standards and ensure access to quality homecare throughout the Commonwealth. To learn more, visit [www.pahomecare.org](http://www.pahomecare.org).

***About Pennsylvania Foundation for Home Care and Hospice...*** The Pennsylvania Foundation for Home Care and Hospice is a non-profit organization that funds training, education and scholarship opportunities for the home health, hospice and homecare workforce. The Foundation promotes community awareness and increased understanding of the benefits of home health services through educational seminars and workshops.

***About UnitedHealth Group...*** UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) is a diversified health care company dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and helping to make the health system work better for everyone. UnitedHealth Group offers a broad spectrum of products and services through two distinct platforms: UnitedHealthcare, which provides health care coverage and benefits services; and Optum, which provides information and technology-enabled health services. For more information, visit UnitedHealth Group at [www.unitedhealthgroup.com](http://www.unitedhealthgroup.com) or follow @UnitedHealthGrp on Twitter.

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