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INDIANAPOLIS – Encore Health Network, one of Indiana’s largest preferred provider organizations, is pleased to announce the addition of Unity Healthcare, a multi-specialty physician group, to its physician roster in the greater Lafayette area. Unity will bring on board more than 70 additional physicians to service Encore’s approximately 30,000 members in the area, effective 10/1/05.

“We are pleased to add Unity to our Encore Network in the Lafayette area,” said Encore Vice President, Michelle Lobe. “Unity’s addition to our PPO network provides the region and its employer groups with the benefits of a complete choice of local providers and substantial savings through their health plans,” she said.

Unity Healthcare has more than eleven locations serving the Greater Lafayette and surrounding areas and includes primary care and specialty care physicians, along with ambulatory surgery, outpatient imaging, outpatient radiation oncology and immediate care centers.

“Unity Healthcare physicians and providers work hard to provide high quality and accessible healthcare services to our patients,” said Mark Merryman, CEO of Unity Healthcare. “(We are) proud to become a participating provider in the Encore provider network and improve access for local employers and payers who use the Encore provider network,” he said.

Encore Health Network serves the state of Indiana and areas in Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan. Currently, 650,000 members receive their healthcare in Encore’s growing network. Network participants include more than 16,000 physicians and 165 hospitals in the network, owned by The Healthcare Group LLC, one of Indiana’s largest managed care organizations. Ownership includes Clarian Health (Methodist, IU and Riley hospitals), Community Hospitals of Indianapolis, and Deaconess Hospital (Evansville).

For inquiries regarding Encore Health Network, call (888) 574-8180 or visit [www.encoreconnect.com](http://www.encoreconnect.com).

For more information about Unity Healthcare, call (765) 447-8133 or please visit [www.unityhc.com](http://www.unityhc.com).