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## Connecticut Hospital Association Partners with Unite Us to Launch Statewide Network to Address Patients' Social Needs

WALLINGFORD – The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) today announced a partnership with Unite Us, a leading social care coordination platform, to build a statewide coordinated care network of health and social services providers to deliver integrated care. The technology platform will better connect patients to local social service agencies that help with housing, food, transportation, employment, and more.

"This collaboration puts the patient first," said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. "With the Unite Us technology platform, Connecticut's hospitals and health systems, in collaboration with community-based organizations, will be better equipped to address patients' needs from a holistic standpoint. This is one example of how Connecticut hospitals and health systems are transforming healthcare and keeping our communities healthier."

CHA and Unite Us are implementing a statewide network that will connect Connecticut hospitals and health systems with community-based organizations to deliver integrated care. The network of organizations will be connected through a shared technology platform (Unite Us) to send and receive secure and accurate referrals to connect individuals to an array of services to address their social needs.

"We are eager and excited to partner with CHA to kick off our statewide work across Connecticut," said Taylor Justice, President, Unite Us. "CHA is the first hospital association to invest in a social determinants of health solution for a statewide opportunity. We are proud to partner with such a forward-thinking organization and we anticipate great success in the state."

Regional implementation of the network is under way, including working with local community-based organizations and hospitals. This work will include developing a resource database that leverages the existing 211 Connecticut, a program of the United Way of Connecticut, as part of a statewide network connecting community-based organizations to each hospital.

## About the Connecticut Hospital Association:

The <u>Connecticut Hospital Association</u> has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals and health systems since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals and health systems on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.

## About Unite Us:

<u>Unite Us</u> is an outcome-focused technology company that builds coordinated care networks of health and human service providers. The company empowers both medical and social service providers to work together, integrating health and social care. With Unite Us, providers across sectors can send and receive secure referrals, track every person's total health journey, and report on tangible outcomes across a full range of services in a centralized, cohesive, and collaborative ecosystem. This social infrastructure helps communities transform their ability to track outcomes, improve health, and measure impact at scale. Follow Unite Us on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.