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Nearly \$1.5 Million in Grants Awarded by Medica Foundation in 2015

Minnetonka, Minn.—The Medica Foundation in 2015 made \$1.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Medica’s service area, which includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and western Wisconsin.

“The Medica Foundation funds community-based programs that support the diverse health care needs of community members,” said JoAnn Birkholz, director of the Medica Foundation. “Each year we identify the areas of greatest need programs that support key health care initiatives in the communities we serve.”

Three strategic grants were awarded in 2015. These grants empower communities to create systems that address their health care needs. Organizations receiving the grants:

- The Center for Alcohol & Drug Treatment received a \$100,000 grant for its ClearPath Clinic. ClearPath is a medically assisted treatment program that is embedded in a recovery-oriented system of care that includes detox, residential treatment, outpatient treatment, individual counseling, care management and other services.
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging received a \$150,000 grant for its ACT on Alzheimer’s program. Through a statewide collaboration, the program prepares Minnesota for the personal, social and budgetary impacts of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias by fostering dementia and age friendly communities.
- The Federally Qualified Health Center Urban Health Network received a \$100,000 grant for a Medicaid care coordination demonstration program. The goal of the program is to develop a care coordination infrastructure to support Minnesota’s 10 Federally Qualified Health Center members with development of their Accountable Care Organizations.

In addition to the strategic grants, the Medica Foundation provided funding in a number of areas including behavioral health, early childhood health, dental access, homelessness and general community health. In regional and rural communities, Medica Foundation grants also focused on organizational core mission support.

More information about grants in these areas is available on the Medica Foundation [website](#).

About the Medica Foundation

The Medica Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable grant-making foundation. It is an affiliate of Medica Health Plans, a Minnesota-based nonprofit HMO. The Medica Foundation generally seeks to fund community-based programs and initiatives that can provide sustainable, measurable improvements in the availability, access and quality of healthcare. Email: foundation@medica.com; Phone: 952/992-2060.

About Medica

Medica (www.medica.com) is a health services company headquartered in Minneapolis and active in the Upper Midwest. With approximately 1.7 million members, the non-profit company provides health care coverage in the employer, individual, Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare Part D markets in Minnesota,

Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Medica also offers national network coverage to employers who have employees outside the Medica regional network.

Medica's vision is to become the community's health plan of choice, trusted for its integrity, respected for its service, and admired for its commitment to innovation and efficiency.

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