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**CHICAGO HEALTH LEADERS UNVEILED NEW CHICAGO HEALTH GUIDE TO HELP UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED WITH AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES**

**United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, National Association of Hispanic Nurses, and the National Black Nurses Association partner with Pfizer RxPathways to launch the new guide for Chicago residents**

July 12, 2016, Chicago – Chicago representatives of national health organizations, the United Way and Pfizer, today launched the new *Chicago Health Guide: Resources for the Uninsured and Underinsured* at a special briefing for community health and social service providers during the 41st Annual Conference of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Guide is a resource for residents of Chicago who are uninsured or underinsured that helps to connect them to affordable health care resources throughout the area. The publication was made possible through a collaboration between NAHN, United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), and Pfizer RxPathways – Pfizer’s patient assistance program that helps eligible patients get access to their Pfizer medicines.

“We are thrilled to launch the *Chicago Health Guide* as we kick off our national conference here in Chicago,” said Susana Gonzalez, President of the Illinois Hispanic Nurses Association. “The National Association of Hispanic Nurses has worked with Pfizer over the last decade to help bring similar resources to six other cities and states across the country. This initiative is a true example of collaboration among partners that have the common goal to help improve the health of our communities and I hope that my fellow Chicagoans will take advantage of the resources and information that fills this guide and can help them access the health care they may need.”

The *Chicago Health Guide: Resources for the Uninsured and Underinsured* is a comprehensive listing of health care resources, providing contact information and health tips in an easy-to-use and easy-to-read format in English and Spanish. The free Guide will be available to the public via the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago office, community health centers, other community-based service providers, and by calling 1-888-720-1337 toll-free.

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“We are proud to sponsor the new *Chicago Health Guide*,” said Kate Walsh, Regional Business Director at Pfizer. “Pfizer has been helping patients gain access to the Pfizer medicines they need for more than 25 years, and recently the company has stepped up that effort by doubling the allowable income level for its patient assistance program. Unfortunately, patients still face many ongoing challenges in paying their medical out-of-pocket costs or accessing medical care. We hope that this guide can facilitate that access for those in need.”

In the last 5 years alone (2011-2015), Pfizer helped more than 2 million uninsured and underinsured patients across the United States receive over 25 million Pfizer prescriptions for free or at a savings, making it the most comprehensive program of its kind. More than 6,600 of those patients were from Illinois, receiving over 48,500 Pfizer prescriptions for free or at a savings.

Information about the Pfizer RxPathways program as well as other similar valuable resources is an example of the support services that are contained in the guide.

50,000 copies of the *Chicago Health Guide* will be available for free distribution to the community. To receive a copy or place an order for the *Guide*, please call 1-888-720-1337. For more information on Pfizer RxPathways®, please visit [www.PfizerRxPathways.com](http://www.PfizerRxPathways.com).

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