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JULIE MYERS, M.D., M.P.H., APPOINTED ASSOCIATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF METROPLUS HEALTH PLAN'S PARTNERSHIP IN CARE (PIC) SPECIAL NEEDS PLAN

Myers, a recognized national expert in HIV prevention, previously served as Director of HIV Prevention in the Bureau of HIV at NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)



(New York, NY – March 2, 2020) – MetroPlus Health Plan today announced the appointment of Julie Myers, M.D., M.P.H., as the City's public option health plan's new Associate Medical Director, assuming a leadership role in the plan's Partnership in Care (PIC) Special Needs Plan, serving HIV-positive, transgender, and homeless New Yorkers and their families. Her appointment was effective Monday, February 3.

"I am pleased to announce Dr. Julie Myer's appointment as Associate Medical Director," said **MetroPlus President and Chief Executive Officer Talya Schwartz, M.D.** "We are confident that Julie is uniquely qualified for this position and brings with her the skills, talent, and experience required to support our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Sanjiv S. Shah. MetroPlus is proud to add a physician-leader of Dr. Myers' caliber to our team, helping to ensure that our members continue to rank us among the top health plans in quality and patient satisfaction."

"As a proud New Yorker, I am honored to join MetroPlus to help other New Yorkers across the city achieve health and wellness," said MetroPlus Associate Medical Director **Dr. Julie Myers.** "As an HIV specialist, I am delighted to assume this role, allowing me to work to ensure the delivery of holistic care and wrap-around services to all our members living with HIV. As a primary care physician committed to underserved populations, I am excited to support access to inclusive, person-centered care for all populations with special needs, and to address inequities to

help our members live long, healthy lives. I look forward to collaborating with Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Shah, as well as NYC Health + Hospitals, to achieve these goals.”

Dr. Myers, a national expert in HIV prevention and testing, has extensive experience in public health, infectious diseases, and internal medicine, and is well-versed in evidence-based practice and sexual health. Myers comes to MetroPlus from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH), where, since 2013, she was Director of HIV Prevention in the Bureau of HIV. She led the citywide scale-up of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and directed the implementation of HIV prevention interventions at clinics and community-based organizations citywide through innovative program design, rigorous monitoring and evaluation, and data-driven quality management. Additionally, Dr. Myers oversaw the development, launch, evaluation, and dissemination of pioneering public health programs, including a public health detailing campaign for physicians and an online home HIV test giveaway for consumers. She was formerly Director of Special Projects for the Office of the Commissioner of Health, at NYC DOHMH, and Program Associate of International Health Programs at Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Dr. Myers earned her B.S. from Yale University, her M.D. from Cornell University’s Weill Medical College, and an M.P.H from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. She completed a Clinical Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Columbia University Medical Center and her internship and residency in Internal Medicine-Primary Care at Massachusetts General Hospital.

In addition, she serves as Assistant Professor in Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, at Columbia University’s Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons where she provides HIV primary care. A sought-after speaker, Dr. Myers has published extensively on her areas of expertise.

About MetroPlus

MetroPlus Health Plan offers eligible New Yorkers a wide selection of health insurance options, including Medicaid, Medicare, Child Health Plus, MetroPlus Gold for city employees and SHOP for small businesses. The health plan offers access to primary, specialty, pharmacy and other health care services at low or no cost throughout New York City for people of all ages and varied health needs. MetroPlus members enjoy special perks including up to \$1,000 in gym reimbursement, a rewards points program to redeem for gifts, and services to address social determinants of health like housing and food insecurity.

Since 1985, MetroPlus Health Plan has built a reputation for providing access to affordable, quality health care to residents of Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. A wholly-owned subsidiary of NYC Health + Hospitals, the nation’s largest public health system, MetroPlus is the plan of choice for over half a million New Yorkers and has a five-star rating based on the State’s 2018 Consumer’s Guide to Medicaid and Child Health Plus Managed Care Plans in New York City. The health plan’s robust network of primary care doctors and specialists includes many independent community providers. Culturally sensitive, and fluent in more than 40 languages, MetroPlus staff is as diverse as the great city it serves. For more information about MetroPlus plans, benefits, and services, visit www.metroplus.org and join the conversation at facebook.com/metroplushealth and [twitter @metroplushealth](https://twitter.com/metroplushealth).

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