

VNS Health Expands Its Total Plan to Capital Region

New York State's Department of Health has given VNS Health the green light to extend the service area of its 4.5-Star-rated Medicare-Medicaid long term care plan, VNS Health Total, to Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties.

The integrated Medicaid Advantage Plus (MAP) plan is designed for dual-eligible seniors who need ongoing help with activities of daily living in order to remain safely in their homes and communities. The plan seamlessly combines Medicare and Medicaid Managed Long Term Care benefits, with a single network of care providers and a one-stop contact center for all member questions and concerns.

"We've made extensive preparations for this expansion, including setting up provider networks in these three counties and bringing in additional care managers to support our new members in those regions," says David Robinson, Vice President of Sales and Partnership Development for the organization's health plans. "We're excited that this outstanding integrated Medicare-Medicaid plan is now available to dual-eligible residents in these upstate counties."

The expansion of VNS Health Total represents another stage in VNS Health's recent efforts to ramp up its health plans' presence outside its long-time service area in New York City, Westchester and Long Island. VNS Health MLTC, the organization's Medicaid managed long-term care plan, has been offered in upstate New York for over a decade, and is

currently available in 33 counties across New York State.

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