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Community Health Options Named One of Maine's Best Places to Work

Lewiston, Maine – Community Health Options, a leading non-profit, Member-led health plan providing comprehensive, Member focused health insurance benefits for individuals, families and businesses in Maine, announced today that it has been named one of the 2017 **Best Places to Work in Maine**.

This statewide awards program is designed to identify the best places of employment in Maine that benefit the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. The 2017 Best Places to Work in Maine list is made up of 80 companies in three categories: small (15-49 U.S. employees), medium (50-249 U.S. employees) and large (250+ employees). Community Health Options was named among the **Best Places to Work in Maine** in the medium company category.

"Our People are phenomenal. They are committed, passionate, and work together to create a culture of respect, transparency, and engagement," said Joyce McPhetres, Chief Human Resources Officer. "Our mission 'to partner locally with Members, businesses, and health professionals to provide affordable, high-quality benefits that promote health and wellbeing,' serves as the very meaningful foundation of our work."

"We are honored to be once again named as one of the **Best Places to Work in Maine**," said Kevin Lewis, CEO of Community Health Options. "Since our inception we have worked to create a mission-centered culture that supports the wellbeing of our People. We, in turn, serve our Members with caring and respect. In accepting this recognition we celebrate the incredible team of people who make Health Options an exceptional place to work."

Companies from across the state entered the two-part process to determine the **Best Places to Work in Maine**. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices and demographics. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience.

Community Health Options will be recognized at the **Best Places to Work in Maine** awards ceremony on October 10 and will be listed in a special publication by *Mainebiz*. The final rankings will be announced at the event.

About Community Health Options – *Community Health Options (Health Options) is a Maine-based, non-profit, Member-led health plan providing comprehensive, Member-focused health insurance benefits for individuals, families, and businesses. Health Options is dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality health benefits through productive partnerships with Members, businesses, and a broad network of providers. Visit the website: HealthOptions.org for more information about Health Options.*