APPROVE MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN COORDINATED CARE ALLIANCE, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, AND APPOINT DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, CHICAGO

Action: Approve Membership and Participation in Coordinated Care Alliance, an Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation, and Appoint Designated Representative

Funding: Grant Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends approval of membership and participation of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, represented by the Jane Addams College of Social Work's Central West Case Management unit (CWCM) at the University of Illinois at Chicago, in the Coordinated Care Alliance (CCA) and designation of the Director of CWCM as the University’s representative and voting member of CCA.

CCA is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, whose membership is comprised of Care Coordination Units (CCUs) located throughout Illinois. Membership in CCA will enable CWCM to benefit from the combined expertise of all members and will facilitate payment to CWCM by Medicare/Medicaid and private insurers for services rendered to clients through the contracts with payors that are entered into and administered by CCA. The CCA Bylaws entitle each member one vote. The initial membership fee is $8,000.
CWCM began operations as a CCU in approximately 1999 providing services to residents within the central west portion of the City of Chicago. CCUs provide assistance to clients 60 years of age and older to gain access and receive community-based services that will permit them to live independently and prevent institutionalization. The types of services needed by clients are determined by conducting a comprehensive assessment of their needs and then developing an individualized plan of care. Additionally, care coordinators working for CWCM provide follow-up services to the clients to ensure their needs are being met.

CCA members strengthen quality, improve care, and reduce costs. CCA members are integrated into communities across Illinois assisting participants to remain independent for as long as possible. Current members include the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department, Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, Kenneth Young Center, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, North Shore Senior Center, Senior Services of Central Illinois, Senior Services Center of Will County, Inc., West Suburban Senior Services, Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association, Prairie Council on Aging, and Livingston County Health Department.

Until recently, CCUs, including the University, contracted directly with the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA); however IDOA is moving much of the responsibility for managing CCU services to multiple managed care organizations. These managed care organizations have elected to contract with the CCA rather than establish individual contracts with each CCU. In order for CWCM to continue to serve its clients
and to receive payment for those services, membership in CCA is necessary under the new managed care model adopted by IDOA.

Membership in CCA will allow the Jane Addams College of Social Work's Central West Case Management unit to continue to provide support for elderly residents in the central west region of Chicago and further the College's and University’s public service mission.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs with this recommendation.