



Aetna Better Health of Illinois kicks off 2022 back-to-school efforts with donations over \$37,000 and supplies to under-resourced communities

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill., September 19, 2022 – Aetna Better Health® of Illinois, a CVS Health® company (NYSE: CVS), donated over \$37,000 to support back-to-school initiatives and over 25,000 school supplies to community organizations throughout Illinois.

By collaborating with 11 community partners, Aetna supplied thousands of children in need with backpacks, pencils, pens, folders, notebooks, crayons and color pencils to help prepare them with the tools they need to succeed this school year. These donations will help alleviate some of the financial challenges students and their families face on a day-to-day basis.

“While going back to school is often an exciting time for children, the financial requirements can be very stressful for some families,” said Rushil Desai, CEO, Aetna Better Health of Illinois. “Helping kids start the school year with supplies of their own allows parents and their children to focus on what’s most important — learning.”

Direct beneficiaries of Aetna Better Health of Illinois’ donations and sponsorships include:

- Back to School Illinois/Back to School America
- The Kindness Campaign
- Family Christian Health Center
- A Ministry of Restoration
- Christian Community Health Center
- Positive Youth Development
- Community Health Partnerships of Illinois
- Monarch Awards Foundation, Inc.
- Heartland Health Centers
- Joliet Speak Up & One Joliet Coalition
- Chicago Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

In addition to these community donations and initiatives, Aetna Better Health of Illinois offers programs to members to get ready for the school year. These programs include free school clothes, after-school care, and virtual tutoring and homework help.

Aetna Better Health of Illinois offers quality, affordable health care to individuals through the state's HealthChoice Illinois Medicaid program. The health plan serves over 420,000 members in 102 counties.

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About Aetna Medicaid

Aetna Medicaid Administrators LLC (Aetna Medicaid), a CVS Health company, has over 30 years of experience managing the care of the most medically vulnerable, using innovative approaches and a local presence in each market to achieve both successful health care results and effective cost outcomes. Aetna Medicaid has particular expertise serving high-need Medicaid members, including those who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. Currently, Aetna Medicaid owns and/or administers Medicaid managed health care plans under the names of Aetna Better Health and other affiliate names. Together, these plans serve approximately 2.8 million people in 16 states, including Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. For more information, see www.aetnabetterhealth.com.

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