

## Aetna Better Health of Illinois hosts Pamper Me Pink community events to support awareness and prevention during Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**DOWNERS GROVE, Ill., Oct. 7, 2022** – Aetna Better Health® of Illinois, a CVS Health® company (NYSE: CVS), is hosting a series of Pamper Me Pink community events around Chicagoland to raise awareness and promote prevention during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. These events will educate, encourage and help provide access for community members to receive mammograms.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States. According to the <u>Center for Disease Control and Prevention</u>, <u>each</u> year, about 264,000 women and 2,400 men are diagnosed with breast cancer, and 42,000 women and 500 men die from breast cancer nationally. Each free Pamper Me Pink community event will offer access to breast cancer screenings and awareness education, community and well-being resources, and free giveaways.

"We're excited to host these impactful events to help members receive the necessary education on breast cancer," said Rushil Desai, CEO of Aetna Better Health of Illinois. "It's important to encourage women and men to take charge of their health — awareness can truly save lives."

When breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the five-year relative survival rate is 99%. Early detection includes scheduling regular clinical breast exams, mammograms and monthly breast self-exams.

Aetna is encouraging community members to make breast health a priority at one of the upcoming Pamper Me Pink Community Events:

- October 6, 2022
   La Casa Norte | 3533 W. North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647 | 2:00pm-5:00pm
- October 8, 2022
   New Hope Church | 5501 Steams School Road, Gurnee, IL 60031 | 10:00am-2:00pm
- October 18, 2022
   TCA | 1029 E. 130<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60628 | 10:00am 2:00pm
- October 22, 2022 Central Christian Church | 650 W. Williams Street, Decatur, IL 62521 | 11:00am – 1:00pm
- October 26, 2022
  OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center | 1 Saint Anthony's Way, Alton, IL 62002 | 11:00am 1:00pm

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. For more information about Aetna Better Health of Illinois, visit our website.

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