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Carl Seitz**E-mail: [seitzc@lvbch.com](mailto:seitzc@lvbch.com)***LVBCH Releases 2021 Type 2 Diabetes Report  
With a Focus on How Cardiovascular Conditions Can Impact Diabetes Care***

**Bethlehem, PA (May 19, 2022)** The **Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare** (LVBCH) announces the release of the **2020 LVBCH Type 2 Diabetes Report™**. The 9th edition of the Report offers a broad overview of the state of diabetes in markets within the Lehigh Valley and throughout the state. State and national benchmarks help identify potential gaps in care and reinforce positive trends. The most recent data, current as of calendar year 2020 and spanning several years, encompass 11.4 million unique patients nationally with a diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes, including almost 538,000 residing in Pennsylvania.

All data in the report were gathered by IQVIA, Durham, NC, a leading provider of innovative health care data products and analytic services. In addition, a review process took place, before and during production of the Report, between IQVIA and Forte Information Resources, LLC. This is done to ensure that the information in the Report is completely independent and objective. Data in the report may be restated from prior years to account for updates to methodology and patient samples.

“This is LVBCH’s ninth effort to compare statewide and national benchmarks for diabetes care in the regions where the majority of our employers are located and we thank Sanofi US for their support of this important report.” said Carl Seitz, President of LVBCH. “Diabetes is a major factor in employer spending for medical care can impact and further exacerbate the employee health conditions. By identifying employees with diabetes, and providing the care they need, employers can maintain a healthier and more productive workforce. We encourage employers and community members interested in learning more to attend our webinar on June 1st to learn more.”

The 2021 Report provides a number of observations to help providers and employers better meet the needs of employees. It includes local, state, and national information on patient demographics, use of services, pharmacotherapy, persistency, and a focus on cardiovascular conditions that can impact diabetes care. Early recognition and interventions for people at risk for diabetes and its complications are crucial to mitigating the impact of this disease on employee well-being and employer costs. Please note that throughout the Report, the **Allentown** market includes Bethlehem, Easton, and parts of New Jersey, the **Harrisburg** market includes Carlisle, and the **Scranton** market includes Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton. The **Reading** market is also included in the report.

LVBCH and Sanofi will be hosting a webinar on June 1 at 12:00 noon. The webinar **“Type 2 Diabetes in the Lehigh Valley: Highlights from the LVBCH Type 2 Diabetes Report”** will feature Dr. Kerry Desai from Sanofi and Jake Olsen from Forte who will findings including the co-occurring conditions of diabetes, charges for care, and treatment options. Register for the webinar and view the report at [www.LVBCH.com](http://www.LVBCH.com).

**About LVBCH**

LVBCH is a multi-state, not-for-profit, coalition of employers striving to provide access to quality affordable healthcare for their employees. The Coalition’s mission is to improve the delivery, cost and quality of health care in our communities through: Collective employer action; Quality and data initiatives; Value based purchasing; and, Providing forums for the exchange of information, ideas and resources. The Coalition is also a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit [www.LVBCH.com](http://www.LVBCH.com).