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***LVBCH Releases 2022 Type 2 Diabetes Report  
10<sup>th</sup> Edition - With a Focus on How Cardiovascular Conditions Can Impact Diabetes Care***

**Bethlehem, PA (April 25, 2022)** The **Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare** (LVBCH) announces the release of the **2022 LVBCH Type 2 Diabetes Report™**. The 10th 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 2021 and spanning the last decade, encompass 12.9 million unique patients nationally with a diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes, including more than 476,000 residing in Pennsylvania.

Most of the 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 tenth 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 LVBCH’s 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on May 17 at DeSales University, which will feature a 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Type 2 Diabetes Report discussion.”

Commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the report, multi-year retrospective views are provided demonstrating how the care of Type 2 diabetes patients has changed in the last decade. These retrospective views provide directional insight into the health trends affecting the Lehigh Valley, 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.

The LVBCH 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on May 17 at DeSales University will include a presentation “**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Type 2 Diabetes Report.**” This discussion will be moderated by Jake Olsen, Forte Analytics, and will feature Mark Wendling, MD, Valley Preferred, and Hilary Weismantel, PharmD, St. Luke’s University Health Network. Register for the conference 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).