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Qsource Appoints Ben Heavrin to Chief Medical Officer Role

Benjamin S. Heavrin, MD has been appointed Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Qsource, a Tennessee-based not-for-profit consultancy that oversees federal, state and commercial healthcare quality improvement programs in a 12-state region. In this role, Dr. Heavrin will provide clinical and administrative leadership across healthcare settings while working closely with Qsource staff and senior leadership to help define and achieve the organization's corporate goals.

Heavrin is a board certified emergency medicine physician practicing in middle Tennessee for more than a decade. He completed his undergraduate studies in economics at Princeton University and relocated to Tennessee to complete degrees in business and medicine. He earned a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in healthcare from Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Vanderbilt School of Medicine.

As chief medical officer, Heavrin brings nearly 20 years of clinical experience to Qsource and its mission of serving healthcare communities by driving value, improving quality and providing innovative business solutions. He served as a faculty member at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the University of Tennessee St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital and TriStar Skyline Medical Center. In addition, he has held multiple medical leadership positions at the health plan, health system, and government agency levels, including his most recent appointment as Associate Medical Director of the State of Tennessee, Division of TennCare.

"We are excited for Dr. Heavrin's appointment and acceptance to Qsource's CMO position," said Dawn FitzGerald, Chief Executive Officer for Qsource. "His extensive experience in emergency medicine, triage, medication management and health information technologies will enhance the resources and technical assistance services Qsource provides clinical healthcare professionals."

FitzGerald also cited Heavrin's extensive and ongoing work to address the nation's opioid epidemic. "Having served as an emergency department physician, Dr. Heavrin has seen firsthand the effects of opioid misuse on patients and families and has actively led multiple Tennessee healthcare initiatives working to combat our state's opioid epidemic," FitzGerald said. "Now, he'll continue to serve in that capacity across multiple states as Qsource provides education to medical staff, the public and political leaders about the need for better medication management and in assessing the potential impacts, risks and rewards in enacting legislation around the nation's opioid crisis."

Heavrin's term as Chief Medical Director started June 1.

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About Qsource: Qsource is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) healthcare quality improvement and information technology consultancy headquartered in Tennessee since 1973. Qsource provides a wide range of programs and services to assist states, organizations, patients, and providers in improving community health, improving healthcare quality and delivery, and achieving improved patient outcomes and costs savings. Qsource currently provides its services throughout a twelve-state region that includes: Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.