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iCare taps board member Lutzow as new president

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Independent Care Health Plan has appointed long-time board member Tom Lutzow to run the Milwaukee company.

Lutzow has served as interim head of iCare since September 2008. He is also credited as one of the original architects of iCare in the early 1990s and has been on the iCare board since that time. He previously served as Milwaukee Center for Independence's vice president overseeing the employment services division, which included vocational programs, food service and client training.

"A national search led us straight to our own backyard," Dr. Howard Garber, president of the Milwaukee Center for Independence, said in a statement. "Tom has very capably served as iCare's interim president since September, clearly demonstrating his leadership and dedication to iCare's philosophy of compassionate care."

Independent Care, a joint venture of **Humana** and the **Milwaukee Center For Independence** (MCFI), was founded in 1994 as the first company in the nation offering managed care for people with disabilities. It is an HMO serving nearly 9,000 members in its nine-county service area, providing Medicaid and Medicare coverage for people who are disabled, the elderly and low-income southeast Wisconsin residents.

Lutzow said he's enthusiastic about leading iCare's continued growth. Independent Care recently expanded its service area in January with the launch of the iCare Medicare Plan-Northeast, which serves qualified Medicare recipients in Brown and Manitowoc counties. This Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan offers a zero-dollar premium and one dollar generic drug co-pay.

Lutzow replaces Patricia Jerominski, who left to lead an HMO in Hawaii.

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