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DentaQuest and Advantage Dental to Partner to Improve the Oral Health of All

Alignment will leverage best practices to advance patient-centered, value-based care

Boston, Mass. – Today, DentaQuest and Advantage Dental announced the intent to enter into a new partnership. If approved, it will result in DentaQuest acquiring a majority stake in Advantage Dental, a leading dental accountable care organization in Oregon known for its innovative approach to providing access to dental care.

“Through this collaboration, our two organizations will learn from one another to build on best practices in the administration of dental benefits and the delivery of oral health care,” said Steve Pollock, president and CEO of DentaQuest. “By joining forces with Advantage Dental and its more than 300 dentist-owners, we strengthen our shared commitment to prevention-focused, quality care.”

This partnership will allow both organizations to take an important step toward achieving their shared mission of improving the oral health of all. Together, DentaQuest and Advantage Dental will lead the industry forward with an accountable, preventive and value-based approach to integrating oral health into patient-centered models of care.

“It is very important to us that we partner with an organization that shares our commitment to quality-driven, patient-centered care,” said Dr. Mike Shirtcliff, president and founder of Advantage Dental. “DentaQuest’s mission-driven approach to health improvement is aligned perfectly with our own commitment to improving oral health access, especially for the underserved.”

The details of the partnership will be finalized over the coming months while the Oregon Insurance Division reviews the necessary regulatory filings.

About DentaQuest

Based in Boston, Mass., DentaQuest (www.dentaquest.com) is the second largest oral health company in the United States and the largest in the Medicaid space. Along with its charitable [DentaQuest Foundation](#) and its educational [DentaQuest Institute](#), its mission is to improve the oral health of all. Follow DentaQuest on Twitter [@dentaquest](#) and Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/DentaQuest>, and subscribe to our blog, Oral Health Matters at: <http://oralhealthmatters.blogspot.com/>.

About Advantage Dental

Advantage Dental, based in Redmond, Ore., was established in 1994 to provide dental leadership, service and access to care in Oregon communities in a sustainable, entrepreneurial and professional manner. For more information about Advantage Dental, visit www.advantagedental.com or contact Michelle Lauerman at michellel@advantagedental.com.

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