

Empower Clinics announces partnership with Specialty Networks of North America to serve underserved communities across U.S.

Partnership has mission to bring access to quality and affordable specialty healthcare to disadvantaged patients

VANCOUVER, B.C.: December 7, 2022– EMPOWER CLINICS INC (CSE:EPW)(OTCQB:EPWCF) ("Empower" or the "Company") an integrated healthcare company - serving patients through medical centers, a medical device company and a high complexity medical diagnostics laboratory – today announced that it signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Specialty Network of North America Inc. (SNNA) to launch a healthcare network whose mission is to bring access to quality and affordable specialty healthcare to underserved communities across the US.

Tens of millions of people are living in areas of the U.S. with insufficient basic healthcare. 65 million people live in regions without adequate primary care designated by the US federal government. According to the US Census Bureau in 2021, 8.3 percent of people, or 27.2 million, did not have health insurance at any point during the year. Surveys also show that more than two of five or 43% of working-age US adults are inadequately insured. Almost 70 million Americans are either uninsured or underinsured.

Alexis Wukich, CEO of SNNA stated, "The partnership between SNNA and Empower Clinics will enable us to provide quality, specialty care services to underserved communities throughout the United States. Our model will enable us to scale our processes and protocols so that we can expand our programs quickly, from both a geographic and services perspective." Ms. Wukich further states, "We recognize Empower is a leader in integrated healthcare and diagnostic solutions in the United States and Canada, and we expect to leverage the brand and assets of Empower to accelerate our business and growth model."

SNNA intends to:

- Launch an initial pilot to offer specialty cardiology screening services to underserved communities anticipated to be located in Pittsburgh, PA for Q1 2023.
- Utilize Empower's diagnostics division Medisure Laboratory to complete diagnostic screening services and processing of laboratory panels and tests.
- Launch a second pilot of specialty cardiology screening services to underserved communities anticipated to be located in Dallas, TX for first half of 2023.
- Explore the addition of other specialty screening services for its pilots such as dermatology screening utilizing state-of-the-art dermatology scanners, virtual care and telemedicine services.

"High quality and affordable healthcare is one of the biggest challenges facing the U.S. and it's also an area where Empower Clinics' integrated healthcare solutions can make a huge difference," stated Steven McAuley, Chairman and CEO of Empower Clinics "Combining our clinic, diagnostics and at-home testing experience with SNNA's experience and talent in the U.S. will create exciting solutions for underserved patients across the U.S. Working together, Empower and SSNA can help make healthcare services more accessible and cost efficient while improving patient care. Improving the quality of healthcare through innovative collaboration is a core goal of Empower Clinics. We will continue to create such partnerships that are both transformative for patients and immediately accretive to our business."

The details of the partnership and its investment structure will be finalized in a definitive agreement to be completed in early 2023. It is anticipated that up to two other strategic investors may participate in the investment of this initiative.

The Company also announces that it has issued an aggregate of 1,450,000 stock options ("Options") to directors, officers and consultants. Each Option is exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.04 for a period of 5 years from grant. Certain Options are fully vested on issuance with other Options subject to vesting periods over the course of the term of the Options.

ABOUT SPECIALTY NETWORK OF NORTH AMERICA

<https://specnethealth.com/>

We are a healthcare network whose mission it is to bring access to quality and affordable specialty healthcare to underserved communities across the US.

We aim to facilitate the effective and timely delivery of that care by creating and deploying a collaborative network of strategic partnerships including: clinics, telemedicine and insurance providers.

ABOUT EMPOWER:

Empower is an integrated healthcare company that provides body and mind wellness for patients through its clinics, with digital and telemedicine care, a medical device company and world-class medical diagnostics laboratories. Supported by an experienced leadership team, Empower is aggressively growing its clinical and digital presence across North America. Our Health & Wellness and Diagnostics & Technology business units are positioned to positively impact the integrated health of our patients, while simultaneously providing long term value for our shareholders.

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