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## **California Physician Groups Recognized by Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA)**

**OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 5, 2007** – The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) presented two sets of performance awards to physician groups in California at its annual Pay for Performance (P4P) Stakeholders Meeting yesterday. California's 47 most outstanding physician groups were honored for demonstrating top performance overall on important health care quality measures, including preventive care and chronic care management, patient satisfaction, and use of information technology to support safer care.

Additionally, the IHA is presenting the first annual "Ronald P. Bangasser, MD, Memorial Award for Quality Improvement" to physician groups that showed the most significant year-over-year improvement on P4P performance measures from 2005-2006. Dr. Bangasser, who passed away from cancer earlier this year, was a family physician and the vice-chairman of the Board of Beaver Medical Group. He was president of the California Medical Association from 2003-2004 and served on numerous high profile state and national quality committees and boards. He also chaired the IHA P4P Technical Quality Committee. (Additional details on Dr. Bangasser's life and work are available in a [CMA press release](#).)

"Ron contributed immeasurably to improving health care quality in California and the nation. His compassion for patients carried over into his passion for leading efforts to improve the medical profession's commitment to better performance and patient safety," said Alan Glaseroff, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Humboldt-Del Norte IPA and the new Chair of the IHA P4P Technical Quality Committee. "I admired Ron and his dedication to our profession. This award is a small way to thank him and his family for all he did and for the difference that he made."

### How Award Winners Were Determined

An overall performance score was used to determine award winners. For each physician group, composite scores in each of the three P4P measurement domains were calculated and then weighted according to the recommended P4P payment weightings: Clinical Quality – 50%, Patient Experience – 30%, and Information Technology – 20%. This resulted in an overall performance score.

### Bangasser Awards for Quality Improvement

The overall performance score was calculated for 2005 and for 2006 for each participating physician group. The physician group in each of eight P4P regions that demonstrated the highest relative quality improvement from 2005 to 2006 was designated an award winner.

The Bangasser Award recipients by region are:

#### **Bay Area Region:**

- Physicians Medical Group of San Jose

#### **Central Coast Region:**

- SeaView IPA

#### **Central Valley Region:**

- None

#### **Inland Empire Region:**

- Family Practice Medical Group of San Bernardino, Inc.

#### **Los Angeles Region:**

- St. Mary IPA, a division of Lakewood IPA

#### **Orange County Region:**

- Universal Care Medical Group

#### **Sacramento/North Region:**

- Solano Regional Medical Group/Sutter Regional Medical Foundation

#### **San Diego Region:**

- Penn Elm Medical Group, Inc.

“ This award is a tangible way to encourage groups that may not be top performers, but who are making significant enhancements in their practices and have shown meaningful

improvement” said Michael Belman, MD, Quality Medical Director of Blue Cross of California.

### Top Performance Awards

Of 235 physician groups participating in IHA’s 2006 P4P program (representing approximately 40,000 physicians caring for more than 12 million individuals), those whose overall performance score was in the top 20 percent statewide were selected for recognition as top performers. These top physician groups are located in seven of the eight P4P regions within California.

The top-rated groups by region (listed in alphabetical order) are:

#### **Bay Area:**

- Affinity Medical Group
- Camino Medical Group
- Hill Physicians Medical Group – East Bay
- John Muir Physician Network
- Mills-Peninsula Medical Group
- Palo Alto Division of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation
- The Permanente Medical Group - Diablo Service Area - Walnut Creek/Antioch/Martinez/Pleasanton/Livermore
- The Permanente Medical Group – East Bay
- The Permanente Medical Group - Greater Southern Alameda Area – Hayward/Fremont
- The Permanente Medical Group – Marin – San Rafael
- The Permanente Medical Group - Redwood City
- The Permanente Medical Group - San Francisco
- The Permanente Medical Group – Santa Clara/Milpitas/Campbell/Mountain View
- The Permanente Medical Group – San Jose/Gilroy
- The Permanente Medical Group - South San Francisco
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#### **Central Coast**

- None

## **Central Valley**

- The Permanente Medical Group - Fresno
- The Permanente Medical Group – Stockton/ Modesto/Manteca/Tracy
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group - Kern County

## **Inland Empire**

- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Fontana
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Riverside

## **Los Angeles**

- Cedars-Sinai Medical Group
- HealthCare Partners Medical Group
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Baldwin Park
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Bellflower
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Los Angeles
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Panorama
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – South Bay
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – West Los Angeles
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Woodland Hills
- UCLA Medical Group

## **Orange**

- Bristol Park Medical Group, Inc.
- Edinger Medical Group
- Greater Newport Physicians Medical Group, Inc.
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – Orange County

## **Sacramento/North**

- Hill Physicians Medical Group – Solano
- Solano Regional Medical Group/Sutter Regional Medical Foundation
- Sutter Medical Group
- Sutter West Medical Group
- The Permanente Medical Group - Marin – San Rafael
- The Permanente Medical Group - Napa/Solano
- The Permanente Medical Group - North Valley - Roseville/Sacramento
- The Permanente Medical Group - South Sacramento
- Woodland Healthcare/Woodland Clinic Medical Group

## **San Diego**

- Southern California Permanente Medical Group – San Diego
- Scripps Clinic Medical Group
- Sharp Mission Park Medical Group
- Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group

“California’s physician groups continue to lead the nation through their commitment to improving quality and meeting the highest standards of patient safety,” said Don Crane, CEO of the California Association of Physician Groups. “Pay for performance, in some form is here to stay and California’s approach demonstrates that competing health plans and physician groups can cooperate to create rational incentives that support better quality of care.”

## **About IHA**

IHA’s Pay for Performance (P4P) program is the largest physician incentive program in the United States. IHA ([www.iha.org](http://www.iha.org)) is a not-for-profit statewide collaborative leadership group of California health plans, physician groups, and health care systems -- plus academic, consumer, purchaser, pharmaceutical and technology representatives -- that promotes quality improvement, accountability, and affordability for the benefit of all California consumers through special projects, policy innovation, and education.

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