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DMHC announces “Right Care Initiative” award recipients

Health plans and medical groups honored for work to fight diabetes and heart disease

SACRAMENTO – Today, California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Director Brent Barnhart announced the recipients of the 2012 Right Care Initiative (RCI) awards. Awards are given annually to California health plans and medical groups who meet clinical performance standards for controlling blood pressure, blood sugar and/or cholesterol. Launched in 2008, RCI is a public-private collaborative effort focused on preventing premature disability and death from heart attacks, strokes and diabetic complications.

“Right Care dovetails precisely with our health care initiatives working to better coordinate health care while achieving good outcomes,” said California Health and Human Services Secretary, Diana Dooley.

“Better managing chronic conditions brings great benefit to us all through reduced health care costs, healthier communities and better quality of life,” said Director Barnhart. “Today’s award winners exemplify how health plans and medical groups can make meaningful strides toward improving the health of our state.”

2012 health plan award winners:

- Kaiser Permanente North – Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention
- Kaiser Permanente South – Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention
- Western Health Advantage – Performance Award, Best Network Model Performance In Prevention of Heart Attacks and Strokes

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2012 medical group award winners:

- Edinger Medical Group – Gold Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular and Diabetes Care
- Arch Health Partners – Silver Award, Outstanding Leadership & Performance in Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention
- Santa Clara County IPA - Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention
- St. Joseph Heritage Medical Group – Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention
- St. Jude Heritage Medical Group – Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention

The statewide goal of the RCI is for all California health plans and medical groups to reach the 90th percentile of performance in control of blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol as published in the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS). For more information on the Right Care Initiative visit www.RightCare.dmhc.ca.gov.

The DMHC regulates managed care health plans in California, protects the rights of approximately 20 million health plan enrollees, educates consumers on their health care rights and responsibilities, and preserves the financial stability of the managed health care system. Since 2000, the department has helped more than 1 million Californians resolve health plan problems through its Help Center. Information and assistance is available 24/7 at www.HealthHelp.ca.gov or by calling 1-888-466-2219.

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