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Independent Evaluation Ranks Michigan Health Plans Among Best in Nation

*National Committee on Quality Assurance Releases Report Highlighting
Excellence of Michigan Health Plans*

Lansing, Mich. — Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) member health plans carried on tradition of being rated among the best in the nation, according to the independent *2010-2011 National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) Health Insurance Plan Rankings*.

MAHP member health plans were among the highest rated in Medicaid plans, (10 MAHP member health plans were in the top 50 Medicaid plans in the nation) Medicare plans (three Michigan plans in the top 50, two of which are MAHP members) and private plans (five MAHP members in the top 50).

NCQA's Health Insurance Plan Rankings uses established ranking methodology, which has been used and widely recognized since 2000, including clinical performance, member satisfaction and accreditation by the NCQA. The annual report uses NCQA information to analyze data from reporting health plans nationwide. The reports are available Consumer Reports' web site:

<http://www.consumerreports.org/health/insurance/private-hmo-1.htm> for
Commercial HMO rankings.

<http://www.consumerreports.org/health/insurance/medicare-hmo-1.htm> for
Medicare HMO rankings

<http://www.consumerreports.org/health/insurance/medicaid-1.htm> for
Medicaid HMO rankings

Michigan's leadership in quality improvement, transparency and measurement is clearly underscored in the ranking outcomes.

Steven Hilfinger, director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, which is the lead state agency establishing MIHealth MarketplaceSM, Michigan's health insurance exchange, said having so many top plans should enhance the shopping opportunities for those using MIHealth Marketplace to research health insurance options.

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“Michigan consumers should be pleased that they will have many opportunities to select from plans considered among the best in the nation,” said Hilfinger.

"Michigan Medicaid Health Plans have provided excellent quality care and service to Medicaid beneficiaries as demonstrated by the achievement in health plan rankings," said Olga Dazzo, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health. "We value our partnership with Medicaid Health plans, and it is gratifying to see that so many are among the most highly regarded in the nation."

“Michigan’s health plans are among the best of the best in quantifiable ways,” said Rick Murdock, executive director of the Michigan Association of Health Plans. “Our state’s families, businesses and government agencies can be sure that when they select a Michigan health plan they are picking from among the nation’s leaders.”

The Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) is an industry voice for Michigan’s health care plans. MAHP facilitates communication among members, government, and the industry regarding health care issues of common concern. The mission of the Michigan Association of Health Plans is to provide leadership for the promotion and advocacy of high quality, affordable, accessible health care for the citizens of Michigan.

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