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Michigan Health Plans Honor Molina COO with Top Award

[Lansing, MI: Aug. 7, 2008) — The **Ellis J. Bonner Award**, MAHP's most prestigious award, was awarded to **Nancy Wanchik, Chief Operating Officer, Molina Healthcare of Michigan, Inc.** during the annual MAHP Summer Conference held at Crystal Mountain Resort from July 27-30.

According to Rick Murdock, MAHP Executive Director in making the presentation,

Ms. Wanchik met the award criteria of service, leadership, and contribution to the managed care industry many times over and has made it possible for the MAHP to be in a far better position as a result of her contribution and service. Moreover, Ms. Wanchik demonstrates a caring and compassionate attitude that when coupled with her administrative expertise results in a successful health plan management. Added Murdock, "I am proud to include Nancy as both my friend and colleague in making this award".

Ms. Wanchik has over 25 years of leadership experience in health care spanning professional practice management, institutional department management, and managed care operations. She has served in several leadership roles for the Michigan Association of Health Plans, including a member of the Executive Committee and Treasurer. In her current position at Molina HealthCare of Michigan, Ms. Wanchik is responsible for Member Services, Enrollment Services, Administrative Services, Community Affairs, Provider Services, Network Development, and Government Contracts.

Ms. Wanchik is active in the community and knows from this experience the issues of access to health care and affordable health care and personally serves on board of organization meeting the needs of free health clinics, including St. Frances Cabrini Clinic, the oldest free clinic in the United States.

Ms. Wanchik holds a Masters of Science degree in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Bachelors of Science in Health Services Administration

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This award was initiated in 1995 to honor Ellis James Bonner who was the president and CEO of The Wellness Plan/Comprehensive Health Services. His tireless efforts to create an accessible and just health coverage system responsive to the needs of Michigan citizens earned him not only the respect of health care professionals but also a place in the hearts of those who witnessed his ongoing efforts to mentor young people coming up through the ranks.

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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