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## **DMHC announces 2013 “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 2013 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.

“Prevention and management of chronic conditions are key to keeping Californians healthy, improving our quality of life and reducing health care costs,” said Director Barnhart. “Today’s award winners embody how health plans and medical groups can continue to help control the effects of chronic illness and make strides towards improving the health of our state.”

### **2013 health plan award winners:**

- Chinese Community Health Plan – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Hypertension and Diabetes Management
- Sharp Health Plan – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Heart Attack Prevention among Diabetic Patients

### **2013 medical group award winners:**

- Edinger Medical Group – Platinum Award, Outstanding Performance in Prevention of Heart Attack, Stroke and Diabetic Complications
- Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group – Platinum Award, Outstanding Performance in Prevention of Heart Attack, Stroke and Diabetic Complications
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Group North – Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Prevention of Heart Attack and Stroke

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- Kaiser Permanente Medical Group South – Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Prevention of Heart Attack and Stroke, and Leadership of San Diego University of Best Practices
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Group – Silver Award, Outstanding Performance in Prevention of Heart Attack and Stroke, and Leadership of Los Angeles University of Best Practices
- AMVI Medical Group - Prospect Medical Systems – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Diabetic Cardiovascular Disease Management
- Hill Physicians Medical Group - Solano Region – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular Disease Management
- Mercy Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular Disease Management
- Palo Alto Medical Foundation – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular and Diabetes Management
- Pioneer Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular Disease Management
- St. Joseph Heritage Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular Disease Management and Heart Attack Prevention Among Diabetics
- St. Jude Heritage Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular Disease Management and Heart Attack Prevention Among Diabetics
- Sutter Gould Medical Foundation – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular Disease Management
- University of California Los Angeles Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular and Diabetes Management, and Leadership of Los Angeles University of Best Practices
- University of California San Diego Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Cardiovascular and Diabetes Management, and Leadership of San Diego University of Best Practices
- Greater Newport Physicians Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Blood Sugar Control for Patients with Diabetes, and Leadership of Los Angeles University of Best Practices
- Meritage Medical Network – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Blood Sugar Control for Patients with Diabetes
- Sutter Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Blood Sugar Control for Patients with Diabetes

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- Scripps Coastal Medical Center – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Blood Sugar Control for Patients with Diabetes
- Scripps Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Blood Sugar Control for Patients with Diabetes
- Palo Alto Medical Foundation-Mills Peninsula Medical Group – Bronze Award, Outstanding Performance in Blood Sugar Control for Patients with Diabetes
- PIH Health Physicians – Most Improved Award, Cardiovascular and Diabetes Management
- San Bernardino Medical Group – Most Improved Award, Cardiovascular and Diabetes Management

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 national Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS). For more information on the Right Care Initiative visit [www.RightCare.dmhc.ca.gov](http://www.RightCare.dmhc.ca.gov).

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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](http://www.HealthHelp.ca.gov) or by calling 1-888-466-2219.

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