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news release

**SCCIPA RECOGNIZED FOR TOP PERFORMANCE
IN CLINICAL QUALITY & USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
BY INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION'S
PAY FOR PERFORMANCE (P4P) PROGRAM**

**SCCIPA Rated with the Highest California Medical Groups by Integrated Healthcare
Association for Pay-for-Performance Program**

FOSTER CITY, CA -- Oct. 5, 2006 — Santa Clara County IPA (SCCIPA) was recognized today as one of the top performing California physician groups based on the Pay for Performance (P4P) quality program sponsored by the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA). Results for calendar year 2005 were announced today at the annual P4P Stakeholders Meeting sponsored by IHA in Los Angeles. SCCIPA received the award because of its high performance on important health care quality measures, including clinical quality and use of information technology to support patient management.

SCCIPA is managed by Pacific Partners Management Services, Inc. (PPMSI), a leader in managed care technology, which also develops and markets their web-based Access Express software to medical groups, health systems, HMOs and Medicare Advantage plans.

Larry Bonham, MD, president of SCCIPA and chief executive officer of PPMSI, says, "SCCIPA's IHA award demonstrates the commitment of our physicians and the effectiveness of PPMSI's Internet communications software, Access Express, which features P4P reminders and goes a long way to facilitate P4P clinical reporting for our physicians."

Continues Dr. Bonham, "Both SCCIPA and PPMSI are committed to provide high quality patient care in private physician offices. We have been working for several years to enhance our unique online software to track P4P clinical measures for preventive and chronic care."

Access Express software was introduced to SCCIPA physicians in May, 2000 to automate a number of critical managed care functions for health plan eligibility, referrals and case management. P4P features have been enhanced to include automated reminders and online tracking.

Pay for Performance awards are based on measurements of preventive and chronic care management, along with increased use of information technology to support patient care. Medical group and health plan data are collected and reported by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) based on clinical quality measures like preventive childhood

immunizations and screening for breast, cervical and prostate cancer, as well as effective management of patients with asthma, high cholesterol and diabetes.

Of 228 physician groups participating in IHA's Pay for Performance (P4P) program, those that scored in the top 20 percent overall were selected for the honor, and included 46 top performers in eight regions, comprising 17 Northern and 29 Southern California groups.

ABOUT SANTA CLARA COUNTY IPA (SCCIPA)

SCCIPA is a San Jose-based individual practice association (IPA) medical group that links over 800 private physicians and more than 90,000 HMO patients to most large California HMOs and Medicare Advantage plans. www.sccipa.com

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ABOUT IHA AND PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

IHA (Integrated Healthcare Association) is a statewide leadership group of California health plans, physician groups, and healthcare systems, plus academic, consumer, purchaser and pharmaceutical representatives that promotes quality improvement, accountability, and affordability for all California consumers through innovation and collaboration. An organizing principle behind P4P is the uniform evaluation of physician groups' performance across multiple health plans and a common set of quality measures. www.ih.org