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news release

FIVE TOP PERFORMING CALIFORNIA PHYSICIAN GROUPS USE HEALTH ACCESS SOLUTIONS' ACCESS EXPRESS SOFTWARE

***Integrated Healthcare Association's Pay for Performance (P4P) Program
Recognizes Top Performance in Clinical Quality and Use of Information
Technology at their 5th Annual Pay for Performance Stakeholders Meeting Today***

FOSTER CITY, CA -- Oct. 5, 2006 – Five of California's top performing physician groups identified today by the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) for high performance on important health care quality measures, including use of information technology to support patient management, use Health Access Solutions' Access Express software. Health Access Solutions is the software division of Pacific Partners Management Services, Inc. (PPMSI), which licenses Access Express to medical groups as well as health systems, HMOs and Medicare Advantage plans, representing more than 1.2 million health plan members.

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.

Access Express clients singled out as top performers:

- In the Bay Area include Affinity Medical Group and Santa Clara County IPA (SCCIPA)-- both administered by PPMSI
- In Los Angeles, HealthCare Partners Medical Group and UCLA Medical Group
- In Orange County, Greater Newport Physicians.

Larry Bonham, MD, chief executive officer of Pacific Partners Management Services, Inc., says, "The IHA award demonstrates the effectiveness of PPMSI's Internet communications software, Access Express, which features online P4P reminders integrated throughout the system, and goes a long way to facilitate P4P clinical reporting for our physicians."

Continues Dr. Bonham, "PPMSI and our clients are committed to providing high quality patient care in physician offices. Our unique Access Express software tracks P4P measures for preventive and chronic care, with online physician reminders that identify patients who need childhood immunizations and screening for breast, cervical and prostate cancer, as well as asthma medication and tests for high cholesterol and diabetes."

Pay for Performance awards are based on the increased use of information technology as well as measurements of preventive care and chronic care for asthma, diabetes and high cholesterol. Medical group and health plan data are collected and reported by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

ABOUT PACIFIC PARTNERS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. /PPMSI & ACCESS EXPRESS

PPMSI is a leader in managed care information technology that provides contracting, financial, and administrative services to medical groups and IPAs with 150,000 health plan members including SCCIPA and Affinity Medical Group. PPMSI also develops and markets their web-based Access Express software for medical groups, health systems, and health plans. Access Express managed care software provides secure online messaging, utilization review protocols for expedited referrals and authorizations; Care Tips, case management, Pay for Performance quality tracking, HMO member eligibility and claims/capitation tracking. Access Express is now licensed to manage 1.2 million health plan members. For more information, call 800-753-9079. www.HealthAccessSolutions.com; www.ppmsi.com

ABOUT INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION AND PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

The 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 group performance across multiple health plans and a common set of quality measures. www.iha.org