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**Hill Physicians and Chinese Hospital Sign Agreement for Patient Care Services**  
*Includes HMO as well as many Medi-Cal members*

SAN RAMON, CA (Sept. 8, 2011) – Hill Physicians Medical Group and Chinese Hospital have reached an agreement for patient care services. The contract includes services for commercial HMO as well as Medi-Cal members, and took effect on September 1.

“The agreement with Hill Physicians is an important step in building an integrated delivery system for a broad community,” said Brenda Yee, R.N. and CEO of Chinese Hospital. “As a result, more people have access to us and that strengthens Chinese Hospital for everyone.”

“We’re enthusiastic about this relationship,” said Steve McDermott, CEO of Hill Physicians. “Chinese Hospital has a long, proud history and a forward-looking commitment to affordable, quality care. We look forward to strengthening this collaboration as we serve the vibrant Chinese community.”

The agreement starts just as open enrollment season begins in the commercial market. Consumers who receive health insurance coverage through their employers often select health plans, medical groups and doctors during the fall, with changes taking effect January 1, 2012. Those who choose an HMO plan and then select Hill Physicians as their medical group can now receive care at Chinese Hospital.

Medi-Cal beneficiaries who receive coverage through San Francisco Health Plan may also choose Chinese Hospital for services.

Chinese Hospital traces its roots to 1899 with the opening of the Tung Wah Dispensary in San Francisco's Chinatown. Over the years, the community clinic outgrew its space and anti-immigrant sentiment made it difficult for newcomers as well of anyone of Chinese descent to obtain care elsewhere. The community's needs crystalized into the opening of Chinese Hospital in 1925.

Today, the hospital provides a full range of primary and secondary acute care, as well as outpatient services, to a multi-cultural clientele. The Hospital also operates three community clinics, all of which are included in the patient care services agreement.

**About Hill Physicians Medical Group**

Hill Physicians Medical Group is the largest independent physician association in Northern California and is a nationally known leader in innovative healthcare. The Integrated Healthcare Association and California Association of Physician Groups have recognized Hill Physicians as one of the top-performing medical groups in the state. Committed to serving healthy lifestyles, Hill Physicians Medical Group offers extensive health education services to its patients, including wellness classes, health screenings and self-help through its online information portal at [www.HillPhysicians.com](http://www.HillPhysicians.com).