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### **Integrated Healthcare Association Applauds Hill Physicians' Quality**

Hill Physicians Is the Only IPA Recognized in Multiple Regions

SAN RAMON, CA (September 22, 2010) – The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) issued four awards to Hill Physicians Medical Group today, the only Independent Physician Association in California to receive IHA recognition in multiple categories and regions this year.

Hill Physicians' Bay Region received dual awards from the IHA as a "Top Performer" and as the "Most Improved" medical group in the region. Hill Physicians' Solano Region achieved "Top Performer" status and Hill Physicians' Sacramento Region was recognized as the "Most Improved" from the Capitol City area.

The IHA evaluated more than 220 medical groups, IPAs and integrated systems to evaluate clinical quality, patient experience, IT systems, coordinated care for diabetes and overall efficiency. Data for the evaluation was aggregated from health plan claims records, patient satisfaction surveys, and physician group records to ultimately produce a single overall score. The organizations that scored in the top 20% statewide received "Top Performer" designations, while seven medical groups received recognition as "Most Improved" based on year-to-year score comparisons in their regions. The awards were announced at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pay for Performance (P4P) Stakeholders Meeting in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

The IHA recognition comes a few months after Hill Physicians received "Elite" status designation from the California Association of Physician Groups for the third year in a row.

"It's extremely gratifying to receive such recognition from two of the state's premier healthcare associations," said Steve McDermott, CEO of Hill Physicians. "It demonstrates our IPA model is very effective at delivering high-quality, coordinated care across a broad area. That's crucial to the formation of narrow networks and the success of accountable care organizations."

IHA awards are highly competitive because the scores are used by seven major health plans to help calculate incentive payments to physician organizations. It's the largest non-governmental physician pay-for-performance program in the country and can provide up to 2% of a medical group's revenue. In 2009, California health plans distributed \$52 million to P4P groups statewide.

#### **About Hill Physicians Medical Group**

Hill Physicians Medical Group is the largest independent physician association in Northern California and a recognized 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).