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Integrated Healthcare Association Applauds Hill Physicians' Quality
The Only IPA in Northern California to Receive "Top Performer" Status

SAN RAMON, CA (October 4, 2011) – The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) has recognized Hill Physicians Medical Group as one of California's "Top Performing" physician organizations, based on its evaluation of quality patient experience, technology-enabled 'systemness' and coordinated diabetes care.

The IHA considered more than 200 groups and reviewed detailed information to create its list of high-performing organizations. 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. To be awarded "Top Performer" status, an organization must not only achieve a high overall composite score, but also score well within each category.

"We're pleased that our investments in technology, processes and people are paying off in clinical quality and member satisfaction," said Steve McDermott, CEO of Hill Physicians. "Clinical quality and patient satisfaction are the dual tracks that will lead to more affordable, accountable healthcare for everyone."

Hill Physicians' Bay Region received overall "Top Performer" designation as well as recognition for clinical quality; Hill Physicians Solano Region was recognized for clinical quality; and Hill Physicians Bay Region, Hill Physicians Sacramento region, Hill Physicians San Francisco region, Hill Physicians San Joaquin Region and Hill Physicians Solano region were all recognized for the diabetes registry, which seeks to improve coordinated care among patients affected by the illness. The report is available at www.iha.org

IHA recognition of high-performing physician organizations is integral to the statewide Pay for Performance program, which was established in 2002 to create compelling incentives for improvements in clinical quality, efficiency and patient experience. It has become the largest non-governmental physician incentive program in the United States. Seven major health plans use IHA findings to independently calculate incentive payments to groups that are driving improvements to healthcare quality.

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.