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CALOPTIMA SELECTS NEW PHARMACY BENEFITS PARTNER

PerformRx Wins Bid to Serve 416,000 Orange County Members

ORANGE, Calif. (July 27, 2011) — CalOptima has selected a new pharmacy benefit management partner, PerformRx. The four-year contract begins January 1, 2012.

A rigorous five-month evaluation process included consideration of cost, quality, Medicaid experience, technology capabilities, service levels and management commitment, according to Kristin Gericke, Pharm.D., CalOptima director of clinical pharmacy management. Philadelphia-based PerformRx was selected from among a pool of nine candidates for the contract.

The new contract covers a variety of services, including:

- Provider Network Management
- Claims Adjudication
- Clinical Services
- Decision Support
- Cost Management
- Waste, Abuse and Fraud Prevention
- Quality Management
- Account Management
- Rebate Management
- Pharmacy Auditing Services

“Our selection of PerformRx is consistent with CalOptima’s commitment to quality and cost management for the vulnerable populations we serve,” says Richard Chambers, CalOptima Chief Executive Officer. “We sought a partner who not only has the latest technology, but one who understands the complex needs of CalOptima members.”

Mesfin Tegenu, PerformRx president, adds, “We look forward to partnering with CalOptima to improve patient outcomes.”

About CalOptima

CalOptima is a county organized health system providing publicly funded health coverage programs for low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities in Orange County, Calif. CalOptima serves its 416,000 members with a network of more than 7,000 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 30 hospitals. CalOptima provides access to quality health care through three programs, including Medi-Cal, Healthy Families Program and OneCare (HMO SNP).

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