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**CALOPTIMA ONECARE HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN
PHARMACY PROGRAM**

OneCare's 5-Star Pharmacy Ratings Lead to Pharmacy Quality Alliance Award

ORANGE, Calif. (April 29, 2011) — The CalOptima OneCare (HMO SNP) prescription drug program is one of only two in the country that will receive a quality award from the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA). OneCare achieved 5-star ratings on two quality measures for medication use in Medicare Part D plans. The award will be presented at PQA's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on June 1.

OneCare members receive coordinated Medi-Cal and Medicare benefits, including pharmacy services. The prescription drug program received 5 stars for the following quality measures:

- **High-Risk Medications:** Members who receive prescriptions for certain drugs with a high risk of side effects are directed toward safer drug choices via OneCare's proactive program of physician, pharmacy and member education. Prior authorization is required for any high-risk drug.
- **Diabetes Treatment:** Clinical research shows that people with diabetes and hypertension respond better to certain types of blood pressure medication. Through education efforts and intervention, OneCare's pharmacy team helps diabetic members receive the most effective hypertension drugs.

“From the beginning, OneCare has been committed to maintaining the highest standards for quality medication use, involving physicians, pharmacies and members,” says Kristin Gericke, Pharm.D., director of clinical pharmacy management. “Two of our top priorities are ensuring that our elderly members receive safe medications and that our members with diabetes receive the best blood pressure treatments available. We are pleased with the 5-star ratings and honored by the award that recognizes OneCare's dedication to effective and personalized health care.”

Formed in 2006, PQA works to improve the quality of medication use by measuring and reporting performance information. The alliance partnered with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in establishing the Medicare Part D measures.

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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 400,000 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.

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