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**STATE RECOGNIZES “SUPERIOR” HEALTH CARE  
RECEIVED BY ORANGE COUNTY’S LOW-INCOME FAMILIES**

*CalOptima’s Healthy Families Program ranked among highest in state  
by California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board*

**ORANGE, Calif. (January 25, 2011)** – Orange County’s low-income families have access to among the highest quality public healthcare in the Golden State, according to the California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB). The Board last week honored CalOptima’s Healthy Families Program for scoring in the highest category on the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS), which serves as a national “report card” for health plans.

CalOptima, Orange County’s facilitator of public health insurance programs, was one of only six Healthy Families Program plans in the state to receive the honor.

“Fewer things are more important to Orange County’s future than seeing that our children live healthy and productive lives, and having access to quality health care is at the heart of that goal,” said Richard Chambers, CalOptima’s Chief Executive Officer. “This recognition is an honor and a validation of our efforts. It is the result of hard work by all the people in our organization, and our many provider partners, all of whom share a deep commitment to the health of our community.”

CalOptima’s Healthy Families Program was recognized by MRMIB last week for scoring in the “superior” category for care provided during 2008. Compiling the vast amount of medical data necessary to compute HEDIS scores takes a great deal of time, which accounts for the delay in recognition.

Through the Healthy Families Program, CalOptima provides health care for children up to the age of 19 whose working parents meet income eligibility requirements. The program currently serves approximately 38,000 local kids. This is the second consecutive year CalOptima’s

Healthy Families Program scored a “superior” rating, and the third time the program has received the honor in its 13 years.

HEDIS is a universally recognized set of measures that assesses performance on 71 important dimensions of medical service and care, and is designed to provide purchasers and consumers with an “apples-to-apples” means to reliably compare the performance of health care plans. A high score on HEDIS quality measures is an indicator that health care professionals are providing excellent care to their patients and that patients are receiving needed preventive services.

### **About CalOptima**

CalOptima is a County Organized Health System providing publicly funded health coverage programs for low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities in Orange County, California. 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 its programs including Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, OneCare and CalOptima Direct.

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