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**CALOPTIMA CEO HONORED BY
POLICY GROUP FOCUSED ON THE UNINSURED**

ITUP Presents Award to Richard Chambers for Leadership in Health Care

ORANGE, Calif. (February 8, 2012) — At the 16th Annual Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP) Conference this week, CalOptima Chief Executive Officer Richard Chambers received an award for his extraordinary leadership and commitment to health care coverage for Orange County’s most vulnerable residents.

The theme of ITUP’s conference was “California’s March to 2014: Paving the Road to Health Care Reform.” It brought together more than 500 diverse health care leaders from across the state, including policy professionals, health plans, providers, advocates and practitioners. Conference speakers focused on promoting efficient, sustainable and fiscally responsible implementation of health care reform in California.

“CalOptima is honored to be recognized for the work we do to provide access to quality health care for Orange County’s children, families, seniors and people with disabilities,” said Chambers, in accepting the award. “We are working collaboratively with our provider and community partners to prepare for expansion of the Medi-Cal program in 2014. We look forward to welcoming thousands of previously uninsured into the CalOptima family. Our dedication to cost-effective and compassionate health care for people in need grows only stronger.”

Founded in 1996, ITUP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that identifies, assists and promotes new approaches to expand health care and coverage for California’s uninsured. ITUP’s mission is to increase coverage of California’s uninsured by building consensus on targeted issues among the state’s health leaders. For more information about ITUP, visit www.itup.org.

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 424,000 members with a network of more than 5,800 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 24 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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