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Healthcare Quality Ratings Illustrate Advantages of California's Physician Groups

Statement from Donald Crane President and CEO, California Association of Physician Groups Regarding California Office of the Patient Advocate's 2011 Health Care Quality Report Card

"As in previous years, this report card shows the advances that California's physician groups continue to make to improve the quality of healthcare and patient experience. Electronic patient records, chronic care management programs and same day appointments are being driven and refined by physician-owned and led medical groups to produce patient-centered and higher quality care.

"In the future, we hope the report card starts to educate patients about the value of physician groups, which serve as a patient's medical home and are accountable for coordinating all of a patient's medical needs. It's important for patients to understand the difference between coordinated care and its opposite -- individual providers who operate in a fragmented, fee-for-service delivery system -- so that they can make informed choices."

About CAPG

The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) represents groups that employ or contract with nearly 60,000 California doctors and provide care to 15 million Californians. CAPG is committed to improving health care for Californians and supports a progressive and organized system of health care delivery which focuses on coordinated treatment plans and comprehensive coverage, including the most current preventive services and exams. This allows physicians to focus on illness prevention and proactive management of patients in order to maintain their optimum level of health. www.capg.org.

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