

# Health Net, Inc. Plans Earn NCQA's "Excellent" Accreditation Status

## Honor is Reserved for the Nation's Best Health Plans

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LOS ANGELES, Nov 13, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Health Net, Inc. health plans in Arizona, **California**, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York have earned the "Excellent" accreditation status from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The distinction is for the plans' commercial HMO, commercial HMO/POS and Medicare lines of business.

"Earning the 'Excellent' designation demonstrates Health Net's commitment to providing our members with access to quality health care," said Jonathan Scheff, M.D., chief medical officer for Health Net, Inc. "And it demonstrates that our contracting physicians, medical groups and hospitals share our commitment to quality."

"NCQA's 'Excellent' accreditation status is reserved for the best health plans in the nation," said Margaret E. O'Kane, president of NCQA. "It reflects a health plan's ability to work with its members' physicians to improve the quality of clinical care. And it shows that the plan is building the kinds of partnerships that are critical to delivering great care and great service."

"Excellent" accreditation status was earned by:

- Health Net of Arizona's HMO line of business
- **Health Net of California's HMO/POS and Medicare lines of business**
- Health Net of Connecticut's HMO/POS line of business
- Health Net of New Jersey's HMO/POS line of business
- Health Net of New York's HMO/POS line of business

In addition, Health Net of California, Inc.'s Medicaid plan (called "Medi-Cal" in California) earned the NCQA's "Commendable" accreditation status.

"Achieving an accreditation status of 'Commendable' from NCQA is a sign that a health plan is serious about quality," said O'Kane. "It is awarded to plans whose service and clinical quality meet or exceed NCQA's rigorous requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement."

National Recognition for Health Net of Connecticut and Health Net of Arizona

Based on NCQA quality and service measures, Health Net of Connecticut is the No.11 commercial health plan in country, according to U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Health Plans 2008-09.

And Health Net of Arizona is the top-ranked commercial health plan in Arizona in the magazine's rankings.

"These strong showings demonstrate that quality is at the heart of what we do for our customers," said Scheff.

#### About Health Net

Health Net, Inc. is among the nation's largest publicly traded managed health care companies. Its mission is to help people be healthy, secure and comfortable. The company's health plans and government contracts subsidiaries provide health benefits to approximately 6.7million individuals across the country through group, individual, Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE and Veterans Affairs programs. Health Net's behavioral health subsidiary, MHN, provides mental health benefits to approximately 7.0 million individuals in all 50 states. The company's subsidiaries also offer managed health care products related to prescription drugs, and offer managed health care product coordination for multi-region employers and administrative services for medical groups and self-funded benefits programs. For more information on Health Net, Inc., please visit the company's Web site at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com).

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