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MOST TOP-QUALITY HEALTH PLANS ARE NONPROFIT, LATEST RANKINGS BY NCQA SHOW FOR THE 7TH STRAIGHT YEAR

WASHINGTON— Once again, most top-quality health plans in the U.S. are offered by nonprofit organizations, based on 2011 rankings recently released by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and published in the November issue of *Consumer Reports*.

This finding has held for all seven years that these rankings have been released.

NCQA collects data from hundreds of health plans each year and analyzes each plan's performance on dozens of objective measures of enrollee satisfaction, prevention, treatment, and accreditation status. This year rankings were provided on 830 plans (390 Private, 341 Medicare, and 99 Medicaid). The ranked plans are HMOs, POS (point-of-service) or PPOs.

Bruce McPherson, President of the Alliance for Advancing Nonprofit Health Care, said that the Alliance had analyzed these latest rankings and found the quality performance of nonprofit health plans to be very impressive again this year:

- 29% of the 390 Private plans reporting are nonprofit, yet:
 - 100% of the Top-Ten ranked plans are nonprofit
 - 100% of the Top-Twenty ranked plans are nonprofit
 - 68% of the Top-25th Percentile ranked plans are nonprofit

- 31% of the 341 Medicare plans reporting are nonprofit, yet:
 - 100% of the Top-Ten ranked plans are nonprofit
 - 95% of the Top-Twenty ranked plans are nonprofit
 - 54% of the Top-25th Percentile ranked plans are nonprofit

- 40% of the 99 Medicaid plans reporting are nonprofit, yet:
 - 100% of the Top-Ten ranked plans are nonprofit
 - 75% of the Top-Twenty ranked plans are nonprofit
 - 76% of the Top-25th Percentile ranked plans are nonprofit

“We are delighted that NCQA continues to provide this annual report to the public, which is one of the best resources available to help employers, consumers, and government make informed choices about health plans,” McPherson said. “These findings as well as others confirm our position that state health insurance exchanges should be required to make readily transparent to consumers whether the various coverage options being made available to them are being provided by not-for-profit or for-profit health plans.

The Alliance for Advancing Nonprofit Health Care represents nonprofit health plans, hospitals, nursing homes, community health centers, and other health care providers dedicated to preserving a robust nonprofit health sector while enhancing its performance in serving communities.

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