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HealthPlus Achieves 'Triple Play' in National Quality Ranking

Flint, MI - HealthPlus of Michigan has added three new achievements to its long history of national accolades for health plan performance. The health plan is being recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a top health plan in the nation for its Commercial, Medicare Advantage and Medicaid products. The Flint-based health plan – named a top 50 Commercial plan and a top 25 plan for both Medicare and Medicaid in the national news magazine's "U.S. News and World Report/NCQA America's Best Health Plans 2005" list – is the only plan in Michigan and just one of seven nationally to make the published lists for all three of these products.

HealthPlus' Medicare Advantage health plan is the only such plan in Michigan in the top 25 list; its Medicaid plan – known as HealthPlus Partners – is one of only three Medicaid plans in the state to receive top 25 recognition.

"I am proud of the national recognition we have received for the high level of service and clinical quality that we provide for our members," said HealthPlus President and CEO David Crosby. "I would like to thank our members, our employees and our provider partners for working so well together to manage and improve the health status of our membership."

The lists were developed by U.S. News and World Report and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Rankings were based on measurements of health plans' clinical quality, access, member satisfaction, and NCQA accreditation scores. NCQA is an independent organization that evaluates managed care plans across the nation. Its evaluation process is rigorous and thorough, and its findings are unbiased and objective. "America's Best Health Plans 2005" is a trademark of U.S. News and World Report.

HealthPlus of Michigan is a licensed not-for-profit health plan providing health care coverage to more than 190,000 members in 13 mid-Michigan counties from Oakland County north through Bay County.

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