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**Mercy Medical Group Receives Inaugural “Excellence in Healthcare” Award  
from Integrated Healthcare Association**

SACRAMENTO, CA, November 24, 2014 – Mercy Medical Group, a service of Dignity Health Medical Foundation, was recognized today by Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) for delivering high quality, affordable care to California consumers.

To earn this recognition, physician organizations must have performance that ranks in the top 50 percent of organizations for each of three domains: clinical quality, patient experience, and total cost of care. Out of nearly 200 physician organizations – representing approximately 35,000 physicians who provide care for about 9 million Commercial HMO/POS members – only 11 achieved this honor for 2014.

“Mercy Medical Group providers and care team members dedicate themselves to delivering high quality, accountable, and compassionate care,” said Alan Ertle, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Mercy Medical Group. “This award is a direct reflection of the commitment to our patients that we make every day and we’re honored to be recognized by Integrated Healthcare Association.”

The Value Based P4P program is a successful statewide collaboration that encompasses uniform performance measures, aggregated data collection and validation, a trusted governance process, and a single public report card for physician groups in California.

Ten California health plans contribute data and provide incentive payments based on the aggregated P4P results. These plans are Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield of California, Chinese Community Health Plan, Cigna Healthcare of California, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente, Sharp Health Plan, UnitedHealthcare, and Western Health Advantage.

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***About Mercy Medical Group***

*Mercy Medical Group, a service of Dignity Health Medical Foundation, is a multi-specialty group of more than 370 physicians and 800 Dignity Health employees providing service to thousands of patients in the Sacramento area and its affiliated local Dignity Health hospitals (Mercy General Hospital, Mercy San Juan Medical Center, Mercy Hospital of Folsom and Methodist Hospital of Sacramento). Mercy Medical Group has 21 office locations. For more information on Mercy Medical Group and the wide range of services it provides, visit our website at [www.mymercymedgroup.org](http://www.mymercymedgroup.org).*

**About the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA)**

*IHA is a nonprofit statewide leadership group that promotes quality improvement, accountability, and affordability of healthcare in California. The IHA Value Based P4P program includes ten health plans and over 200 medical organizations representing approximately 35,000 physicians providing care for 9 million members. For more information: [www.IHA.org](http://www.IHA.org).*

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