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**CALOPTIMA RECOGNIZES  
DEDICATED LOCAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

*Health Care Professionals Awarded for Providing Quality Care to Low-Income Residents*

**ORANGE, Calif. (August 14, 2012)** — CalOptima will honor a select group of dedicated health care professionals for their commitment to providing high-quality health care services to vulnerable Orange County residents at the Circle of Care Awards on August 29.

“Our mission is to provide access to quality and compassionate health care for the Orange County residents most in need,” said Gertrude Carter, M.D., CalOptima Chief Medical Officer. “Without the dedication, commitment and generosity of these providers, CalOptima wouldn’t be able to fulfill this mission. The Circle of Care Awards is our way of saying thank you to the providers who support our community.”

The 2012 Circle of Care Award recipients include more than 20 health professionals and 11 organizations, all of which play a pivotal role in providing safety-net services for Orange County’s at-risk populations. The awardees are:

**Physicians:**

Lisa Abaid, M.D.	Jason Y. Khamly, M.D.	Michael F. Ozaki, M.D.
Kristine Arthur, M.D.	David S. Kim, M.D.	Patricia A. Ronald-Riba, M.D.
Claudio B. Bedoya, M.D.	Melissa R. Manalo, M.D.	Adam Wass, M.D.
Mark A. Colon, M.D., FAAP	Mahmood S. Mostoufi, M.D.	
Alan G. Israel, M.D.	Vincent D. Nguyen, D.O.	
Hareesh S. Jhangiani, M.D., FACP, MBA	Leticia Oliveros, M.D.	

**Medical Groups and Clinics:**

Providence Speech and Hearing Center  
Serve the People Community Health Center  
UC Irvine Family Health Centers: Santa Ana and Anaheim

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**Community-Based Organizations:**

Access to Resources for Children’s Health, Education and Support (ARCHES)  
Family Support Network  
Give For A Smile  
TAO Adult Mental Health Services  
Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation

**Pharmacy:**

A-Med Health Care

**Physician Assistant:**

Gina Beshai, BSHA, PAC

**Nurse Practitioner:**

Merry Grasska, RN, MPH, FNP-C

**Vision Providers:**

Carlos E. Green, O.D.  
Vision Service Plan

**Skilled Nursing Facility:**

Coventry Court Health Center

**Health Educator:**

Paul Montanchez, MPH, CDE, CHES

**Administrators/Clinic Managers:**

Silvia Franco, M.A.  
Nan-c Hilpert

Established in 2000, the Circle of Care Award has been given to more than 190 distinguished health care professionals, medical groups and allied providers whose dedication has made a lasting impact on Orange County’s vulnerable populations. In particular, CalOptima recognizes those who reach out to the underserved to improve access to care with culturally appropriate services and a focus on quality improvement.

The 2012 Circle of Care Awards and Luncheon will take place at The DoubleTree Hotel in Orange, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 29. Registration is required.

**About CalOptima**

CalOptima is a county organized health system providing publicly funded health coverage programs for low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities in Orange County, Calif. CalOptima serves 410,000 members with a network of more than 5,800 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 24 hospitals. CalOptima provides access to quality health care through three programs, including Medi-Cal, Healthy Families Program and OneCare (HMO SNP).

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