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**CALOPTIMA AGAIN NAMED COMMUNITY PROVIDER PLAN
FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM IN ORANGE COUNTY**

Health Plan for Children Has Held Designation Since 1998

ORANGE, Calif. (May 27, 2011) — For the 14th year in a row, the State of California’s Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board has designated CalOptima as the Community Provider Plan for the Healthy Families Program in Orange County. The Healthy Families Program, California’s version of the federally funded Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, offers comprehensive health coverage to children from working families without employer-sponsored insurance.

“We are proud to be Orange County’s Community Provider Plan again,” says Richard Chambers, CalOptima Chief Executive Officer. “This designation is a reflection of our involvement within the community and our support of the safety net. We know that, ultimately, this designation helps families afford needed coverage for their children.”

Each year, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board recognizes one Healthy Families Program plan in each county with the Community Provider Plan designation. This designation goes to the plan with the most traditional and safety net providers in its network. This Community Provider Plan designation means Healthy Family Program members who enroll with CalOptima in Orange County receive a premium discount.

CalOptima, through the Healthy Families Program, currently provides health care coverage to nearly 40,000 children in Orange County. The program covers children up to age 19 whose households are at or below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. To qualify, children must meet citizenship or immigration rules and live in California.

About CalOptima

[CalOptima](http://www.caloptima.org) 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 its 415,000 members with a network of more than 7,000 primary care doctors and specialists, as well as 30 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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