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## **Upper Peninsula Health Plan Among Top 20 in Nation**

[MARQUETTE]—The Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) is one of the nation’s best health plans for the third consecutive year, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. UPHP ranks 20th among Medicaid managed-care plans in the United States. It ranks third among Michigan health plans.

The honor is part of the magazine's annual recognition of *America’s Best Health Plans*. The magazine ranks the plans in collaboration with the National Committee for Quality Assurance, the chief accrediting body for managed-care plans. The 2008–2009 Honor Roll appears in the magazine’s November 17 issue.

The health plan’s consistently high ranking is a direct result of sound business practices by the plan and its many partners, according to Chief Executive Officer Dennis H. Smith. “During our first ten years of business, the UPHP staff has fostered close relationships with our partner hospitals, physicians, and health departments—all key components to our success.” Smith added, “UPHP also excels thanks to the volunteerism and community support that are prevalent throughout the Upper Peninsula.”

Health plans are ranked by scores that reflect consumer surveys and success in preventing and treating illness. The complete Medicaid health-plan rankings are available at [www.usnews.com/articles/health/health-plans/2008/11/07/behind-the-health-insurance-plan-rankings](http://www.usnews.com/articles/health/health-plans/2008/11/07/behind-the-health-insurance-plan-rankings). Rankings for Medicare and commercial plans are also available.



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