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Upper Peninsula Health Plan Repeats in U.S. Top 20

[MARQUETTE]—The Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) is one of America's best health plans for the third consecutive year, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. UPHP ranks 18th among Medicaid managed-care plans in the United States. It ranks fifth among Michigan health plans.

The honor is part of the magazine's annual recognition of the country's first-rate health plans, which are ranked by *U.S. News* and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the chief accrediting body for managed-care plans. The 2007 Honor Roll appears in the magazine's November 5 issue.

UPHP Chief Executive Officer Dennis H. Smith said that the health plan's high ranking reflects consistently sound business practices. Smith added, "UPHP has a close collaboration with Upper Peninsula hospitals, physicians, and health departments, which are key components to our success. We are also fortunate to serve a region with a strong spirit of volunteerism. We value our drivers and other volunteers who help UPHP to excel."

Health plans were ranked via scores reflecting consumer surveys and success in preventing and treating illness. UPHP scored especially well for *Breast-Cancer Screening*, *Treating Diabetes*, *Appropriately Medicating Young Asthma Patients*, and *Monitoring Key Long-Term Medications*.

The complete Medicaid health plan rankings are available at www.usnews.com/directories/health-plans/index_html/plan_cat+medicaid/.

Rankings for Medicare and commercial health plans are also available.



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