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St. Joseph Hospital Affiliated Physicians Honored by IHA as Most Improved California Physician Organization in OC

ANAHEIM, Calif., – St. Joseph Hospital Affiliated Physicians (SJHAP) has been honored by the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) as the Most Improved California Physician Organization within the Orange County, California region.

Awards were given to the physician organization within each P4P (Pay for Performance) region that demonstrated the highest level of quality improvement from 2008 to 2009. SJHAP was presented with the Ronald P. Bangasser, MD, Memorial Award for Quality Improvement at the IHA Pay for Performance Stakeholders Meeting last Wednesday in Los Angeles.

“We are proud to have received this recognition from IHA for the improvements we have made over the past year,” said Cory Rayyes, administrator, COO, vice president, St. Joseph Hospital Affiliated Physicians. “St. Joseph Hospital Affiliated Physicians has made great strides in quality measures as well as patient experience, raising the overall level of care for the communities we serve.”

Most improved awards are based on performance in four P4P measurement domains: Clinical Quality, Patient Experience, Information Technology-Enabled Systemness and Coordinated Diabetes Care.

Award winners are determined by calculating the relative improvement for each physician group on the overall composite score for this year compared to the overall composite score for last year. The physician group in each of the eight P4P regions that has the highest relative improvement score for overall performance is recognized as the most improved group in that region.

About St. Joseph Hospital Affiliated Physicians (SJHAP)

St. Joseph Hospital Affiliated Physicians (SJHAP) is a large physician group offering personalized care through a comprehensive panel of 665 private practice physicians throughout Orange County, Calif. Specializing in Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, SJHAP also offers a full spectrum of premier specialists. SJHAP physicians have been recognized among the Top Physicians in Orange County by the Orange County Medical Association (OCMA), and have received national recognition by the California Consumer Health Research Institute (CCHRI) for Patient Satisfaction with Specialist Care, ranking in the 90th percentile. For more information, please visit www.sjhap.org.

About the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA)

IHA is a statewide leadership group that promotes quality improvement, accountability, and affordability of healthcare in California. The IHA P4P program is the largest non-governmental physician incentive program in the U.S. and includes eight health plans (including Kaiser Permanente for reporting only) and over 220 medical organizations representing approximately 35,000 physicians providing care for 10 million members. Other IHA programs include: value-based purchasing of medical devices, bundled episode of payments, the measurement and reward of healthcare efficiency, healthcare affordability, and accountable care organizations. For more information, please visit: www.IHA.org.