

Anthem Blue Cross plans earn quality rating
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INDIANAPOLIS — Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield HMO health benefit plans again were recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) in the sixth annual "State of Health Care Quality" report.

Three Anthem plans — in Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire — were recognized among the top 15 health plans in the nation as a result of outstanding overall performance on the Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) Effectiveness of Care measures used in NCQA Accreditation.

These Anthem plans also received "Best in Class" distinction on numerous individual effectiveness of care measures; their performance in areas such as prescribing beta blockers after a heart attack and eye exams for members with diabetes represent a benchmark for others.

Additionally, Anthem plans in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio, Virginia and Colorado all hold the highest possible rating - "Excellent" - from the NCQA. Only 148 other commercial health plans have achieved this distinction nationwide (as of July 31, 2002). p