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**New Mexico Medical Practices Receive 2018 HealthInsight Quality Award**

*Program Recognizes Excellence in Clinical Quality and Patient Care*

**Albuquerque**—HealthInsight New Mexico is recognizing 20 New Mexico outpatient medical practices for their commitment to improving performance and promoting patient-centered care. Many of these awards were presented Thursday evening at a Presbyterian Medical Group executive meeting, and others will be presented onsite at clinic locations.



The HealthInsight Quality Award Program recognizes hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and outpatient medical practices and clinics in Nevada, New Mexico Oregon and Utah.

The award program is recognizing New Mexico outpatient practices at two levels this year: the **High Performance Award** and the **Innovation Certificate**.

The 2018 **High Performance Award** recipients are:

- Presbyterian Medical Group on Atrisco – *Albuquerque*
- Presbyterian Medical Group – *Belen*
- Presbyterian Medical Group on Isleta – *Albuquerque*
- Presbyterian Medical Group Kaseman Primary Care – *Albuquerque*
- Presbyterian Medical Group – *Ruidoso*
- Presbyterian Medical Group – *Los Lunas*
- Presbyterian Medical Group on Montgomery – *Albuquerque*
- Presbyterian Medical Group Northside Primary Care – *Albuquerque*
- Presbyterian Medical Group on Pan American – *Albuquerque*
- Presbyterian Medical Group on 528 – *Rio Rancho*
- Intel Health for Life New Mexico – *Rio Rancho*
- Presbyterian Medical Group Rio Rancho Primary Care – *Rio Rancho*
- Presbyterian Medical Group on San Mateo – *Albuquerque*
- Presbyterian Medical Group – *Santa Fe*
- Presbyterian Medical Group – *Socorro*
- Presbyterian Medical Group on Wyoming – *Albuquerque*

The High Performance Award recognizes high-performing practices that have achieved the top 25th percentile benchmark on at least six quality measures or four measures for pediatric practices, small practices of five or fewer practitioners, or other specialty practices.

In addition to the awards, four practices are receiving 2018 **Innovation Certificates**:

- University of New Mexico Hospital's Young Children's Health Center – *Albuquerque*
- Sandoval Regional Medical Center's Family Medicine Clinic – *Rio Rancho*
- Sandoval Regional Medical Center's Medicine Specialties Clinic – *Rio Rancho*
- Sandoval Regional Medical Center's Surgical Specialties Clinic – *Rio Rancho*

The Innovation Certificate recognizes practices that have implemented an innovation that is measured and sustainable.

“We are extremely proud of these clinical practices for their outstanding contributions to the patients they serve,” said Margy Wienbar, executive director of HealthInsight New Mexico. “Excellent primary care is the foundation for quality health care, and HealthInsight is happy to recognize these leaders, clinicians and their staffs for this achievement.”

The HealthInsight Quality Award Program was launched in September 2004 to promote transparency in health care. According to the Institute of Medicine, transparency in health care is defined as a system that is "accountable to the public, works openly, makes results known, and builds trust through disclosure." By using available quality data to identify high-performing providers and publicizing the results, HealthInsight aims to help providers improve health care and help patients become more active and informed participants in that care.

Quality measure benchmarks are from Quality Compass (<http://bit.ly/2l14CtG>), a tool of the National Committee for Quality Assurance, except for several behavioral health measures, which are from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Quality Payment Program (<http://bit.ly/2v4BuFD>).

*HealthInsight is a regional health improvement collaborative that oversees affiliated 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations in Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah, and End Stage Renal Disease Networks across the western United States. HealthInsight holds contracts and grants in key areas of health care improvement, including leading quality improvement activities for the Medicare program as the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for the four-state region. HealthInsight has experience assisting front-line providers and engaging health care stakeholders to improve health care and outcomes. Its programs focus on transparency and public reporting; effective use of health information technology; engaging patients and communities to improve their health; and redesigning how care is paid for and delivered.*

*In April 2018, HealthInsight and Qualis Health announced a formal merger, combining the two organizations and their operations across the U.S. Both Qualis Health and HealthInsight have been engaged in health care quality consulting and providing quality improvement services for more than 40 years.*

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