

MaineHealth Named #26 Healthcare Delivery Network Nationwide Ranking Based on Quality, Scope of Services & Efficiency

(Portland, ME) MaineHealth, the state's largest integrated healthcare delivery network, has been ranked among the nation's best performing healthcare systems for the fourth year in a row. Based on an annual survey conducted by SDI, a healthcare market insight and analytics firm, MaineHealth's ranking stands at 26, up from 59 in the 2009 survey. Notably, MaineHealth was ranked third in a listing of the top ten healthcare systems in the Northeast.

The MaineHealth family of organizations is honored and proud of the integrated health network ranking. "We have done a great deal of work to ensure our health system maximizes and shares our resources throughout our MaineHealth family and beyond," said Bill Caron, president of MaineHealth. He added, "While we greatly appreciate the recognition, the value for the average Maine citizen is that MaineHealth providers have been recognized for high-quality healthcare that's delivered efficiently."

The 2010 edition of the survey identified the top 100 integrated healthcare networks out of 593 non-specialty, local and regional networks in the United States. SDI's report, regarded as the nation's premier rating system, evaluates integrated healthcare networks on performance and degree of integration.

"MaineHealth is a leader in integrating best practice clinical protocols," said Vance Brown, chief medical officer for MaineHealth. Brown added, "We readily share this information within and outside our health system, which helps us in our goal of making Maine communities the healthiest in America."

The ratings are based on SDI's Integrated Healthcare Network Rating System, which evaluates each network's ability to operate as a unified organization in eight categories: integration, integrated technology, contractual capabilities, outpatient utilization, financial stability, services and access, hospital utilization and physicians. To see the top 100 networks, visit the IHN information page at www.sdihealth.com.

About MaineHealth

MaineHealth is a not-for-profit family of leading high-quality providers and other healthcare organizations working together so their communities are the healthiest in America. Ranked among the nation's top 100 integrated healthcare delivery networks, MaineHealth's member organizations include Maine Medical Center, Miles Memorial Hospital, St. Andrews Hospital & Healthcare Center, Southern Maine Medical Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Waldo County General Hospital, Spring Harbor Hospital, HomeHealth Visiting Nurses, Maine Physician Hospital Organization, NorDx and Synernet. Affiliates of MaineHealth include MaineGeneral Medical Center, Mid Coast Hospital, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and Penobscot Bay Medical Center.

About SDI

SDI is a leading healthcare market insight and analytics firm. It provides comprehensive de-identified patient-level data to pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device companies, enabling them to better understand the healthcare market. SDI also serves the government and the financial services, media and consumer packaged goods industries. Founded in 1982, SDI counts the world's top 50 pharmaceutical and biotech firms as its clients.

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