
Mercy Health Plans Receives Five Star Excellent Rating

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November 16, 2009 – Mercy Medicare *ADVANTAGE* is the only health plan in Missouri to receive a Five Star Excellent Rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The rating is based on information gathered from Medicare members during the 2009 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey.

The *2010 Medicare & You* handbook produced by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ranked each of the Medicare Advantage plans offered by Mercy Health Plans with a Five Star Excellent rating -- the highest designation possible.

“Mercy Health Plans is dedicated to providing great service and quality care at an affordable rate,” says Stephen Spurgeon, M.D., Chief Medical Officer for Mercy Health Plans. “It is an honor to hear from our Missouri Medicare members that we are listening to their health needs and providing convenient, trusted and personalized care. This is our mission and our passion.”

Mercy Health Plans offers a variety of Medicare Advantage plans for Medicare-eligible individuals, seniors and disabled persons. Medicare Advantage plans cover all Medicare-approved services including major healthcare expenses, preventive and routine services, and most plans include prescription drug benefits. With plan options beginning at a zero premium, Mercy Medicare *ADVANTAGE* members may choose a plan that fits both their needs as well as their budgets.

Mercy Health Plans, a subsidiary of the Sisters of Mercy Health System, offers customized health benefit solutions, administrative services and insurance coverage to employer groups, individuals and families. Headquartered in Chesterfield, MO, Mercy Health Plans also provides a full spectrum of healthcare management services including health and wellness programs and services as well as disease management to regions in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Sisters of Mercy Health System (Mercy) operates 19 hospitals, physician practices, outpatient clinics, health plans and related health and human services in a seven-state area including Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

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