

**For Immediate Release****Imperial Health Plan of California Recognized for Excellence in 2018  
Medicare Advantage Benefits Value in San Francisco Area**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (November 6, 2017) **Imperial Health Plan of California** is one of 35 Medicare plans nationally to be recognized for cost-sharing effectiveness in the design of their 2018 medical and Part D prescription drug benefits for Medicare beneficiaries. The **Imperial Health Traditional HMO \$0** premium plan is the only Medicare Advantage plan recognized for "Excellence in 2018 Medicare Benefits Value" in the San Francisco city/county area.

The award recipients were selected from over 100 Medicare managed care plans based on cost-sharing analysis conducted by **HealthMetrix Research Inc.**, a national independent managed care research firm. In announcing the 2018 recipients, **HealthMetrix Research** and **MedicareNewsWatch.com** president Alan Mittermaier pointed out the importance of the award for Medicare beneficiaries:

"This prestigious consumer recognition addresses the concerns that beneficiaries may have with Medicare Advantage plan out-of-pocket costs incurred after they enroll. **Imperial Health Plan of California** has demonstrated a commitment to delivering maximum value in the design of their plan benefits, copayments, deductibles, and premiums regardless of health status. We believe that informed beneficiaries can rely on this recognition as an indication of excellence just as they rely on other awards and consumer ratings that recognize excellence in quality of care, health outcomes and member satisfaction."

The award criteria were based on the 2018 benefits and estimated annual cost-sharing approved by Medicare for the selected plans. Estimated annual out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries are based on three health status categories (excellent/good/poor) and corresponding utilization of plan benefits. The analysis identifies the Medicare plans with the lowest and highest estimated annual out-of-pocket costs based on the approved 2018 member copayments, deductibles and premiums found in the Medicare Plan Finder database ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)).

**HealthMetrix Research Inc.** has provided independent information to a national audience of managed care organizations and consumers since 1997. The [CostShare Report](#) is the most independent analysis of Medicare plan cost-sharing available. **HealthMetrix Research Inc.** neither recommends nor endorses specific Medicare managed care plans.

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***"Excellence in 2018 Medicare Advantage Benefits Value"***

The independent [CostShare Report](#) cost-sharing comparisons include the approved 2018 Medicare Advantage+Part D plan benefits for:  
Anthem Blue Cross, Chinese Community Health Plan, Health Net,  
Imperial Health Plan of California, Kaiser Permanente, SCAN Health Plan.

For [CostShare Report](#) comparison details, visit [www.MedicareNewsWatch.com](http://www.MedicareNewsWatch.com)  
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