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Meridian Health Plan Rated as a Top National Medicaid Provider

DETROIT (October 28, 2016) – The NCQA has named Meridian Health Plan a top 2015-2016 multi-state Medicaid HMO. Meridian is the only multi-state plan in the nation to receive an overall rating of 4 out of 5 for all three Medicaid HMO products: Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Meridian Health Plan of Illinois and Meridian Health Plan of Iowa. The NCQA Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2015-2016 are based on combined HEDIS[®], CAHPS and NCQA Health Plan Accreditation standards scores.

“It is such an honor for NCQA to recognize the positive, national efforts of our Meridian Family. We are constantly working to provide strong member-focused care and this formal recognition is a reflection of our hard work,” said Jon Cotton, Meridian President and Chief Operating Officer.

Meridian has also been recognized for being the top 2014-2015 Medicaid HMO for Michigan and Illinois, along with both HMOs earning a top 10 spot nationally. Meridian Health Plan of Michigan was rated #9 and Meridian Health Plan of Illinois #10. To award the top 10 Medicaid health insurance plans, NCQA evaluated 273 Medicaid health plans and ranked 136 of those based on clinical performance, member satisfaction and NCQA accreditation.

Additionally, Michigan and Illinois were awarded an accreditation status of “Commendable” for service and clinical quality that meet NCQA’s rigorous requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement. NCQA Health Plan Accreditation evaluates the quality of health care that health plans provide to their members. NCQA Health Plan Accreditation status and NCQA’s Health Insurance Plan Ratings status are separate designations. The complete list of NCQA’s Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2015–2016 is available online at <http://www.ncqa.org>.

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Meridian Health Plan is a family-owned, family-operated health plan with extensive experience in its subsidiary operations in Michigan, Illinois and Iowa. Meridian’s affiliates include Medicaid and Medicare health plans and prescription drug plans, a commercial plan available through the Health Insurance Marketplace and MeridianRx, a Pharmacy Benefit Management company. Meridian Health Plan currently serves more than 750,000 members. For more information, visit www.mhplan.com.

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