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## **MeridianHealth Achieves NCQA Commendable Accreditation Status for High-Quality Performance**

**DETROIT (March 3, 2017)** — Meridian Health Plan, Inc. of Illinois (MeridianHealth) has received an Accreditation Status of Commendable from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). To date, MeridianHealth is the only Medicaid Managed Care Organization in Illinois to receive an NCQA Accreditation Status of Commendable in 2017.

This status was awarded to MeridianHealth for service and clinical quality that meet NCQA's rigorous requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement. NCQA Health Plan Accreditation is a nationally recognized evaluation that purchasers, regulators and consumers can use to assess health plans.

“We are extremely happy to announce MeridianHealth sustained our Commendable Accreditation Status from NCQA,” said Karen Brach, president, MeridianHealth of Illinois. “We recently completed our three-year NCQA Standards Review, which when combined with our HEDIS<sup>®</sup> and CAHPS scores resulted in a Commendable Accreditation Status. We are incredibly happy that our status reflects our commitment to our members and how we consistently put care above all else.”

NCQA Health Plan Accreditation evaluates how well a health plan manages all parts of its delivery system – physicians, hospitals, other providers and administrative services – to continuously improve the quality of care and services provided to its members.

In addition to a Commendable Accreditation Status, Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, Inc. was rated among the top Medicaid plans in Illinois in according to [NCQA's Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2016-2017](#).

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### **About Meridian:**

Meridian is a family-owned, family-operated group of health plans with offices in Michigan and Illinois. Meridian's affiliates include [MeridianHealth](#) (Medicaid), [MeridianCare](#) (Medicare), [MeridianChoice](#) (Health Insurance Marketplace), and [MeridianRx](#), a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM). Meridian serves more than 900,000 health plan members in three states. MeridianRx serves more than 1.25 million members. For more information, visit [www.mhplan.com](http://www.mhplan.com).

### **About NCQA:**

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. [NCQA's website](#) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.