Cigna Medical Group Recognized as Outstanding Practice for Pediatric Immunizations by the Arizona Partnership for Immunizations

PHOENIX, April 24, 2012 - Cigna Medical Group (CMG) has been honored by The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI) with the organization's annual "Dr. Daniel T. Cloud Outstanding Practice Award." CMG was recognized for its leadership and excellence in immunizing Arizona children - reaching 90 percent coverage levels. The award was announced on the heels of Infant Immunization Week, April 21-28, and will be presented at the TAPI awards dinner in Phoenix on May 2, 2012.

"We have seen the commitment of Cigna Medical Group to immunize their child, teen and adult patients as a critical first step in preventive health care and their high standards help ensure a healthy Arizona," said Debbie McCune Davis, Program Director of TAPI. "At CMG, health care professionals and staff invest the time, resources and initiatives to educate their customers on the importance of immunizations at all stages of life and we honor their efforts and accomplishments with this prestigious award."

The Cloud Award was introduced in 2001 to honor practices and clinics reaching 90 percent immunization coverage for children. Beginning this year, practices were eligible for either the Toddler or Teen. Depending on previous recognition, practices must rotate the award between the two categories from year-to-year. This marks the eighth year CMG medical offices have been recognized for their superior immunization adherence and includes all eight CMG medical offices with pediatric departments: Chandler, Deer Valley, South Mountain, Stapley, and Westridge HealthCare Centers were recognized in the Teen category. Paradise Valley, Scottsdale and Tempe were recognized in the Toddler category. Additionally, the South Mountain facility was honored with a "Hot Shot Award" recognizing a practice that has gone "above and beyond the call of duty" to give tremendous amounts of time and effort to increase immunizations.

"CMG recognizes that the best way to guarantee a long and healthy life is to ensure children receive the appropriate preventive care right from the start," said Andrea Houfek, M.D., medical director of urgent care and pediatrics for Cigna Medical Group. "Immunizations are vital to pediatric and long-term health and one of the best ways to protect individuals, families and communities against disease. We are honored to receive this award and strongly support TAPI in their efforts to spread awareness and growth of immunization programs."

Cigna Medical Group is the group practice division of Cigna HealthCare of Arizona and one of the Valley's largest multi-specialty group practices with 23 health care centers and two convenience care clinics located throughout metropolitan Phoenix. Each health care center is equipped with several medical services under one roof, so additional diagnostic needs such as lab work, imaging-even prescriptions-can be quickly obtained. Cigna is the only health services company in Arizona that operates multi-specialty centers designed to help patients conveniently receive quality health care.

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About The Arizona Partnership for Immunization
TAPI is a non-profit statewide coalition of over 400 members. TAPI was formed in response to the alarming fact that in 1993, only 43% of Arizona's two-year-olds were fully immunized against preventable childhood diseases like measles, mumps, polio and whooping cough. Through the efforts of TAPI's partners from both the public and private sectors, immunization coverage rates in Arizona have improved dramatically, with nearly three in four children fully immunized by age two. Unfortunately, the problem never ends. Each year in Arizona almost 90,000 babies are born, and none arrive immunized. For more information, visit www.whyimmunize.org.