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TOP RANK

U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of health plans placed Kaiser Permanente of Georgia first in the state for the third straight year.

The magazine also ranked Kaiser Permanente's Medicare plan 21st out of 151 plans — making it the top Medicare plan in the state for 2007, and one of the top 25 Medicare plans in the nation.

Kaiser Permanente's performance in the areas of prevention and screening was one reason for its rise in the rankings. Carolyn Kenny, president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia Inc., said both of these areas have been improved in recent years with the addition of KP HealthConnect, Kaiser Permanente's electronic medical record system.

The rankings are based on data collected, analyzed and converted to scores from zero to 100 by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, managed care's major accrediting body. The three reporting categories include consumer experience, prevention and treatment. Kaiser Permanente of Georgia's score of 85.2 gave it the highest score of any plan in Georgia.

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A Proven Leader in Quality

Kaiser Permanente has repeatedly earned accolades from The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the nation's leading independent reviewer of health plan quality for consumers. For example:

- Ranked in the **92nd percentile nationally** among all commercial health plans in Effectiveness of Care*
- **Ranked highest** in Georgia in the following areas:
Treatment, Diabetes, Cardiac, Prevention, and Child & Maternal Health*
- **Top performing** health plan in Atlanta in 12 Effectiveness of Care measures*
- "Excellent" Accreditation ratings for HMO and Medicare products, placing Kaiser Permanente among the best health plans in the nation



* Scores reported by the Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP) using NCQA's 2007 Quality Compass Data. NCQA specifically disclaims responsibility for any analysis, interpretation, or conclusion made by the author based on these data.