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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Ventura County Health Care Plan Receives Accreditation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance

[VENTURA] -- The Ventura County Health Care Plan has been awarded accreditation status by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Review Oversight Committee. The County Executive Office was notified this week that the County of Ventura, dba Ventura County Health Care Plan, has achieved accreditation of its commercial HMO product line.

NCQA is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to assessing and reporting on the quality of managed care plans, managed behavioral healthcare organizations, preferred provider organizations, new health plans, physician organizations, credentials verification organizations, disease management programs and other health-related programs.

"This recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance is validation that our County Health Care Plan makes care coordination and access to top quality patient-centered primary care as the highest priority," says Michael Powers, County Executive Officer. "Our ultimate goal is to provide the best possible experience for the patient. This accreditation will further fuel the passion our staff has for that mission."

NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations and manages the evolution of HEDIS, the performance measurement tool used by more than 90 percent of the nation's health plans. "This represents a huge achievement for our plan and our entire health care system," says VCHCP Administrator Dee Pupa. "I am very proud to work with a team that is so dedicated to improving health care quality."

Consumers can easily access health care organizations' NCQA statuses and other information on health care quality on NCQA's website at www.ncqa.org. The Ventura County Health Care Plan's website is at www.vchca.org