

**Plans Exempted from the 2004 Quality Assessment  
and Performance Improvement Diabetes Project**

CMS is pleased to announce that the Medicare+Choice organizations listed below will not have to implement the 2004 QAPI project, based on criteria noted in the Diabetes project description (See Appendix A of Chapter Five of the Medicare Managed Care Manual). These organizations are exempted as a reward for having met or exceeded the 75th percentile average for four diabetes rates reported as part of HEDIS®2003. Organizations that did not achieve the exemption in 2003 will have one more opportunity based on HEDIS®2004.

H0302 Sun Health MediSun, Inc.  
H0354 CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona, Inc.  
H0524 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. - Southern California  
H0524 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. - Northern California  
H0630 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado  
H1230 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Hawaii  
H2204 Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of New England (NH)  
H2206 Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc.  
H2256 Tufts Associated Health Maintenance Organization, Inc., dba Tufts Health Plan  
H2312 Health Alliance Plan of Michigan  
H3305 Rochester Area Health Maintenance Organization d.b.a. Preferred Care  
H3954 Geisinger Health Plan  
H3962 Keystone Health Plan Central  
H5050 Group Health Cooperative  
H5262 Gundersen Lutheran Health Plan, Inc.  
H9003 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest, Inc.  
H9005 Group Health, Inc.  
H9047 Providence Health Plans - Oregon  
H9103 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest, Inc.