

Hello EH Member Clients:

We wanted to share the exciting news that Equity Healthcare achieved a significant milestone this week when our cost savings results were verified by an independent, third-party audit. Al Lewis, Executive Director of the Disease Management Purchasing Consortium (DMPC) and a respected healthcare authority, has named Equity Healthcare as one of only 6 vendors to validly measure healthcare outcomes.

This honor qualified Equity Healthcare for DMPC's Gold Standard and acknowledged Equity Healthcare as "the first health services provider to show book of business reduction in trend and outperformance of national trend" when measured in a rigorous and credible manner. From 2009 through 2011, EH has out-performed the national trend by an average of 5-6% annually while improving the health of its members.

We are very proud of this designation and this success is truly shared with our EH member client community in recognition of all the work that you all are doing. Thank you for all your continued commitment and support.

The full press release is available at http://dismgmt.com/gold-standard/listing

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