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### **CIMRO of Nebraska Awarded the 2008 Quality Improvement Organization Champion Award**

Lincoln, Neb. – The national Quality Improvement Organization Champion Award was recently awarded to CIMRO of Nebraska, the Nebraska Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO). This award is given to a QIO with the highest performance based on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) contract requirements. Dr. Barry Straube, Chief Medical Officer & Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, and Mr. Terris King, Deputy Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, presented the award on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the annual QualityNet Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

CIMRO of Nebraska received nine “excellent” passes in each of the nine categories in the recent three-year CMS contract, which ended July 2008. An excellent pass indicates expectations were exceeded in each clinical outcome category outlined by CMS. Nebraska’s evaluation composite score also exceeded the national average in every task.

Nebraskans are experiencing better healthcare as a result of the quality improvement efforts of CIMRO of Nebraska and healthcare providers in the state. Efforts include sharing of best practices, redesigning care processes to be more effective and efficient, adopting and implementing health information technology and embracing organizational culture change.

“Receiving this award is an outstanding honor and a testament to our commitment to quality improvement,” said Greg Schieke, CIMRO of Nebraska’s Senior Vice President. “This award speaks volumes about the enduring commitment of CIMRO of Nebraska staff and Nebraska healthcare partners and providers to continually improve healthcare in our state.”

CIMRO of Nebraska is an independent QIO under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to work with Nebraska providers and Medicare beneficiaries to improve the quality of care for Nebraska Medicare beneficiaries.

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