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Center for Elders' Independence Wins National Award: Innovative case management recognized

OAKLAND, Calif., May 18, 2011 – Case In Point magazine announced the winners of its 2011 Platinum Awards for Case Management at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) operated by the Center for Elders' Independence (CEI) won the award for Integrated Case Management. Runners-up included managed care programs run by Anthem, Cigna and WellPoint.

The *Case In Point Platinum Awards* recognize the most successful and innovative case management programs working to improve health care across the care continuum. From the publisher of *Case In Point, Case In Point Weekly*, the *Case Management Resource Guide*, this second annual awards competition will set the standard for programs that deliver sustained success across a variety of disciplines and settings in the overarching continuum of care coordination.

A range of 26 categories, from best emergency department program to best independent case management program to dozens in between, provides recognition to the exceptional work and value delivered across the spectrum of case management.

The Platinum Awards program seeks to honor those programs that best educate and empower patients, improve adherence and wellness, manage quality care, and contain health care costs. The awards will increase recognition of case management and its importance to the organization, the public, members of the healthcare team and others who are working to ensure America has a safe, effective and caring healthcare system.

For over 19 years, Center for Elders' Independence has provided comprehensive health care and social services that enable East Bay residents age 55+ with multiple medical problems to remain living independently in their own homes rather than enter nursing home facilities. They are providers of the PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) model of healthcare, a national long term care program that is a permanent Medicare benefit. There are three CEI PACE centers in Oakland and one in Berkeley serving frail seniors from El Sobrante and Richmond to Hayward.

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