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PCAN Wins 2004 National AstraZeneca-NMHCC Partnership Award

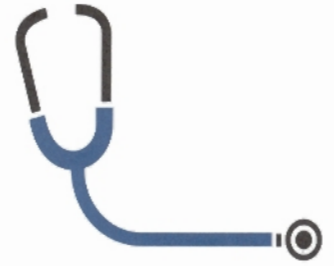
ORLANDO, Fla...The Primary Care Access Network (PCAN) was recently awarded one of three annual awards presented by AstraZeneca and the National Managed Health Care Congress (NMHCC). PCAN was recognized for the creation of a successful partnership program between 20 health care providers in Orange County, Florida.

The AstraZeneca-NMHCC Partnership Awards are a top industry honor presented each year to three health care organizations who have, in the judgment of their peers, addressed quality, access and efficiency of health care delivery with cooperation and collaboration. The awards seek to recognize those programs demonstrating research, needs analysis, planning, implementation and evaluation.

"PCAN is very honored to receive national recognition from such prestigious organizations for the partnership we have built," said PCAN Board Chairman George Ellis, M.D. "We hope that it stands to further demonstrate the importance of serving the underserved in our community."

Winners for 2004 will be recognized during the 16th Annual National Managed Health Care Congress, to be held in Washington, DC, from May 5 through 7. PCAN representatives will attend the ceremony and receive a \$3,000 grant. PCAN will present a case study on the PCAN model to other health care industry leaders. Also being honored this year are fellow 2004 award recipients, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota and American Healthways, as well as Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration and LifeMasters Supported SelfCare.

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The Primary Care Access Network is comprised of health care providers committed to improving the access, quality and coordination of health services to the underinsured of Orange County. By developing an integrated, comprehensive system of primary care centers, PCAN intends to increase primary care capacity and reduce utilization of the local emergency departments by providing "medical homes" and teaching basic first aid to residents of Orange County.