

GRIPA Receives Quality Honor and Awarded Contract from IPRO to

Improve Results for those with Chronic Kidney Disease

The Greater Rochester Independent Practice Association

(GRIPA) is pleased to announce it received a **quality award for its outstanding commitment to patient safety and quality improvement** as demonstrated by the development and implementation of a variety of innovative intervention strategies. The award will be presented at IPRO's Annual Membership meeting and Luncheon on Tuesday June 8, 2010.

Additionally, GRIPA received a \$40,000 contract from IPRO to develop additional system improvements targeting patients with Chronic Kidney Disease. Chronic Kidney Disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the U.S., affects 13% of the total U.S. population, and accounts for 23.7% (approximately \$58 billion) of total Medicare expenditures annually. And, the efforts of IPRO and GRIPA

GRIPA brings together the extraordinary knowledge and expertise of an 822-physician membership, Rochester General Hospital and Newark-Wayne community hospitals, and a medical management and information technology staff with goal of improving the quality and cost effectiveness of health care. GRIPA provides medical, business, and

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intend to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. Currently, IPRO is also working with GRIPA on several medication safety initiatives.

IPRO is a national organization providing a full spectrum of healthcare assessment and improvement services that foster more efficient use of resources and enhance healthcare quality to achieve better patient outcomes. Founded in 1984, IPRO is highly regarded for the independence of its approach, the depth of its knowledge and experience, and the integrity of its programs. IPRO holds contracts with federal, state and local government agencies, as well as private sector clients, operating best-of-class programs in more than 33 states and the District of Columbia. A national nonprofit organization, IPRO is headquartered in Lake Success, New York.

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