Fact sheet:
Santé Community Physicians

Background
Santé Community Physicians, organized in 1995, is central California's largest physician organization. Santé is an independent physicians association (IPA), closely affiliated with Community Medical Centers, formed to promote quality health care for patients and to provide assistance to physicians in the practice of managed care.

The Santé panel of 1,250 physicians provides San Joaquin Valley residents with more flexibility and choice in making health care decisions. Santé is a shareholder organization in which the shares are owned by primary care and specialty physicians contracted to provide care to health plan members.

Santé physicians must be board certified in the medical specialty they practice. Current IPA business needs, including the Santé panel size, the type of specialty the physician practices and geographical location are also taken into consideration.

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Physician panel*
Primary care physicians 350
Specialty care physicians 900
*For a current listing of Santé physicians, please call (559) 228-5410 or visit the Web site at: www.SanteHealth.net

Member information
HMO members 100,000
PPO members 250,000 (estimated)
Senior HMO members 7,500

Service area
Fresno County
Kings County
Madera County

Health maintenance organization (HMO) plans
Aetna
Aetna Golden Medi Care
Blue Cross CaliforniaCare
Blue Cross Senior
Blue Shield
Blue Shield 65 Plus Medi Care
CIGNA
Great West formerly One Health Plan
Health Net
Health Net Seniority Plus
Health Net Seniority Plus Medi Care
Humana Medicare
PacificCare Health Systems
Secure Horizons

Preferred provider organizations (PPO) plans
Aetna
Anthem Blue Cross Plus
Beech Street
Blue Shield
CIGNA
Community Care Network
Community Health Plan
First Health
Fortified Provider Network
Galaxy Health Network
Great West
Health Net
Humana ChoiceCare
Interplan
Multiplan
PacificCare
PPO Next
Private Healthcare Systems
See Change Health Insurance
Three Rivers Provider Network
United Health Care
USA Managed Care

Government assistance programs
AIM
CaliforniaKids
Health Net Managed Medi-Cal
Healthy Families
Healthy Kids (Health Net)