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**IPRO Honors Healthcare Providers and Professionals**  
*Awards Presented at 2012 Annual Meeting*

(Lake Success, NY – June 27, 2012) – Four leading healthcare providers and one community organization have been named recipients of the 2012 IPRO Quality Awards. The awards, given annually by IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) and Medicaid Review Agent for New York State, recognize providers and professionals who demonstrate a high-level of commitment to improving the quality of care provided to New York’s Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients. The awards were presented during IPRO’s 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the New York LaGuardia Airport Marriott Hotel.

“These awardees represent leaders of New York State’s healthcare community,” says Clare B. Bradley MD, MPH, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at IPRO. “What unites them is their commitment to quality. We applaud them for their achievements.”

Awards were given for accomplishments on a range of quality-related topics:

Organization/Individual	Location	Reason for Award
Elizabeth Eagleson, MD	Penn Yan, NY	In recognition of Dr. Eagleson’s commitment to improving access, care coordination, patient communications, and to providing the highest quality of care to patients, as demonstrated by her leadership in the achievement of NCQA Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition for two Finger Lakes Community health centers.
Ellis Medicine	Schenectady, NY	In recognition of Ellis Medicine’s system-wide commitment to improving transitions of care for patients and their caregivers
Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly	New York, NY	In recognition of the Institute’s longstanding commitment to empowering Medicare beneficiaries to take an active role in managing their own health.
Settlement Health and Medical Services	New York, NY	In recognition of Settlement Health’s system-wide commitment to quality improvement and sharing of best practices; the valuable insights provided to the New York State healthcare community regarding the challenges in caring for a medically indigent population; and for achievement of NCQA Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition.
Emmanuel St. Louis, MD, PC	Uniondale, NY	In recognition of Dr. St. Louis’s commitment to providing high quality care to his patients, as demonstrated by achievement of NCQA Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition and successful attestation for meaningful use.



As the federally designated QIO for New York State, IPRO's activities target the quality of healthcare provided to more than three million Medicare beneficiaries across the state. IPRO supports providers with evidence-based clinical interventions and technical assistance to improve healthcare processes and patient care across the continuum of care. Quality Award recipients demonstrate extraordinary commitment to implementing best practices.

In addition to the awards ceremony, New York State's Commissioner of Health, Nirav R. Shah, MD, MPH who delivered the keynote address, spoke about a series of leading-edge initiatives aimed at improving the delivery of healthcare across the state of New York.

Janet Wright, MD, FACC, Executive Director of the Million Hearts initiative, presented information on this important national program launched by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with the explicit goal of preventing a million heart attacks and strokes by 2017.

#### **About IPRO**

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. For more than 25 years, IPRO has been 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 and corporate clients, in more than 33 states and the District of Columbia. A not-for-profit organization, IPRO is headquartered in Lake Success, NY. For more information about IPRO, please visit [www.ipro.org](http://www.ipro.org).

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