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Local Health Center Board and Staff Members Honored for Distinguished Service

At the Michigan Primary Care Association's (MPCA) 31st Annual Awards ceremony held October 12, 2010, the non-profit association representing Community Health Centers honored one board member and two staff of Sterling Area Health Center for their distinguished service.

The MPCA Distinguished Service Award honors commitment, dedication, and outstanding service on behalf of patients of Michigan Community Health Centers.

"Sterling Area Health Center is proud that Robin Korona, Dawn McKenzie, and Richard Mrozinski were recognized for their exemplary service, helping to ensure residents of Arenac, Ogemaw, Gladwin, Bay, and Iosco Counties have access to quality, comprehensive, affordable health care," said Roger Rushlow, CEO, Sterling Area Health Center. "Their leadership, expertise, and dedication to quality health care make them valuable members of the Sterling Area Health Center team, and model Community Health Center volunteer and staff members."

Sterling Area Health Center is one of Michigan's 31 Community Health Center organizations that together operate over 160 sites across the state, providing care to nearly 600,000 patients each year regardless of insurance status or income. They are part of a nationwide network of 1,250 Community Health Centers that 20 million people call their health care home. That number is expected to double within the next five years as \$11 billion in funding under the Affordable Care Act is awarded to Health Centers. Community Health Center services are tailored to meet the unique needs of patients and surrounding communities, providing primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, pharmacy services, and much more.

About Michigan Primary Care Association

Michigan Primary Care Association has been the voice for Community Health Centers and other community-based providers in Michigan since 1980. It is a leader in building a healthy society in which all residents have convenient and affordable access to quality health care. MPCA's mission is to promote, support, and develop comprehensive, accessible, and affordable quality community-based primary care services to everyone in Michigan. For more information, please visit www.mpca.net or call 517.381.8000.

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