Richard Sánchez, M.D., Named Chief Medical Officer of Molina Healthcare of Utah

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SALT LAKE CITY, Dec 13, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Molina Healthcare of Utah announced today that Richard Sánchez, M.D., has been named chief medical officer of its health plan, a subsidiary of Molina Healthcare, Inc. (NYSE: MOH). In his new role, Dr. Sánchez will be responsible for oversight of the medical management functions of the health plan, including utilization management, quality improvement, credentialing, pharmacy, and risk management activities.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Sánchez join our team," said Paul Muench, president of Molina Healthcare of Utah. "Dr. Sánchez's years of managed care experience and superb background working for Molina Healthcare will be a great asset to our health plan. He will add excellent insight and experience to our leadership team as we continue to provide the highest quality of care to our members."

Dr. Sánchez has over 20 years' experience in managed healthcare. His most recent position was Medical Director for Arizona IPA/Americhoice /UnitedHealthcare. Prior to that position, Dr. Sánchez was Chief Medical Officer of Molina Healthcare of California. As Chief Medical Officer at Molina Healthcare of CA, Dr. Sánchez was responsible for the Medical Affairs Department operations and medical management initiatives. He also worked as Chief Medical Officer at Mercy Care Plan (Schaller Anderson), Coventry Health Care, Humana and Blue Cross Blue Shield in New York City. After completing medical school at University of California at San Francisco, he completed pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He then received a Masters Degree of Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley.

Molina Healthcare of Utah has approximately 78,000 members enrolled in its health plan and serves members throughout the entire state of Utah.

About Molina Healthcare

Molina Healthcare, Inc. and its health plan subsidiaries provide managed care services to persons eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, and other government-sponsored programs for low-income families and individuals. Molina Healthcare's licensed health plan subsidiaries in California, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Utah and Washington currently serve approximately 1.5 million members. Molina Healthcare also offers health information management and business process outsourcing solutions for state Medicaid programs through its subsidiary, Molina Medicaid Solutions, which holds Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) contracts with the states of Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, New Jersey, and West Virginia. The combined services of all Molina's subsidiaries touch approximately 4.3 million Medicaid beneficiaries and 189,000 providers in 14 states, making it one of the largest national Medicaid vendors. More information about Molina Healthcare can be obtained at www.molinahealthcare.com.

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