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**Strategic Health Group’s Dennis Eder Named Senior Leader
of the Renowned “Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health”**

(BURBANK, Calif. – February 11, 2013) — Dennis Eder, managing director of [Strategic Health Group](#), has been named one of the senior leaders of the Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health.

Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health is a national program designed to develop, support and expand the influence of organizational leaders who are committed to achieving transformative improvements in care for older adults. The program is jointly supported by the Atlantic Philanthropies and the John A. Hartford Foundation and is administered through the Division of Health Care Policy and Research at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

“Our nation’s health delivery system frequently does not meet the unique needs of older adults,” says Eric Coleman, M.D., MPH, executive director of the program. “Wide gaps remain between evidence-based approaches, nationally recognized best practices, and how care is currently delivered for many conditions that disproportionately affect this population. Strong leadership is needed to ensure that promising innovations are implemented to improve health and functional outcomes in older adults.”

To create maximum efficiency and leverage, the Practice Change Leaders program focuses its efforts on four topics central to national healthcare reform: enhanced primary care, accountable care organizations, transitional care/hospital readmission reduction, and programs designed to meet the needs of dually eligible beneficiaries (Medicare and Medicaid). As one of a select number of senior leaders, Eder will join with fellow industry experts nationwide to help address these issues as well as mentor others who share a commitment to designing and applying innovative approaches for improvement in these areas.

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“This network will contribute to the national agenda for improving the quality of care for older adults,” says Eder. “Our efforts will also be focused toward facilitating a collective response to changes in Medicare and other financing programs, fostering dissemination of evidence-based models of care, and serving as a platform for more systematic improvements in care beyond the leaders’ individual institutions.”

Eder brings to this task more than three decades of financial and operational experience with some of the nation’s leading health plans, integrated delivery systems, third party administrators and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Prior to co-founding Strategic Health Group in 2011, he was the chief financial officer of SCAN Health Plan and was named the 2008 “CFO of the Year” by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. He is also the former CEO of CareAmerica Health Plans, CFO at Long Term Care Group and CFO at Alpha Therapeutic Corporation. Eder holds a master’s and bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and an MA from the University of Chicago.

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