



Contact: Cindy Ernst  
510-208-1740  
[cernst@iha.org](mailto:cernst@iha.org)

June 29, 2001

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **IHA NAMES JENNI VARGAS TO BOARD**

WALNUT CREEK, CA – The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA), a statewide leadership group active in health care policy and managed care issues, announces the appointment of **Jenni Vargas** to its Board of Directors, representing Health Net.

As senior vice president and general manager for Health Net’s Northern California Division, Vargas oversees operations for more than one million Health Net members managed out of the Northern California office. Her responsibilities include small, midsize, and individual sales, as well as provider relations, underwriting, and medical management. A veteran of more than 20 years of experience in the health care industry, Vargas was most recently Health Net’s vice president of provider relations. Prior to that she was a group vice president for MedPartners. She also spent 10 years at CIGNA HealthCare of Northern California where she served in many senior management capacities, including vice president and general manager.

Vargas has a MBA degree from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA and a BA in Human Biology from Stanford University. An active community member, she chairs the board of trustees of Planned Parenthood Golden Gate. She also chaired the executive steering committee of Silicon Valley Walk America and was also involved in the California State Women’s Health Council.

*[IHA \(www.iha.org\)](http://www.iha.org) is a statewide leadership group of health plans, physician groups, and health care systems, plus at large academic, purchaser, consumer, and pharmaceutical industry representatives, committed to policy development, public dialogue, and special projects associated with the continuing evolution of managed health care.*