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A.M. Best Reports: California HMOs Remain Stable Rating Supplement

The financial strength ratings on the 40 HMOs are as follows:

	<i>Current Rating</i>	<i>Previous Rating</i>
Access Dental Plan	A-	NR-5
Aetna Health of California Inc.	A-	A-
Alameda Alliance for Health	Bpd	B+pd
Ameritas Managed Dental Plan Inc.	A	NR-5
Blue Cross of California	A	A
California Physicians' Service	A-	A-
Chinese Community Health Plan	B-pd	NR-5
CIGNA Healthcare of California, Inc.	Au	A
Community Health Group	Bpd	Bpd
Community Health Plan (CA)	Cpd	B-pd
ConsumerHealth, Inc.	Bpd	NR-5
Contra Costa Health Plan	C+pd	C++pd
Health Net of California, Inc.	A-	A-
Health Plan of San Joaquin	B+pd	B+pd
Health Plan of the Redwoods	F	C++pd
Heritage Provider Network, Inc.	C++pd	B-pd
Inland Empire Health Plan	Bpd	B-pd
Inter Valley Health Plan, Inc.	Dpd	C++pd
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	B+pd	B+pd
Kern Health System	B+pd	NR-5
Lifeguard, Inc.	E	C+
Molina Medical Centers	C++pd	C++pd
National Med, Inc.	B-pd	C++pd
One Health Plan of California, Inc.	A+	A+
PacifiCare Behavioral Health of California, Inc.	B++	NR-3
PacifiCare Dental	B++	NR-3
PacifiCare of California, Inc.	B++	B++
Private Medical-Care, Inc.	A	A
AET Health Care Plan of California, Inc.	A-	A-
San Mateo Health Commission	C+pd	C++pd



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Scripps Clinic Health Plan Services, Inc.	Cpd	NR-5
Sharp Health Plan	Cpd	C+pd
UCSD Health Plan	Cpd	Cpd
UDC Dental California, Inc.	A-	A-
United Concordia Dental Plans of California, Inc.	A-	A-
Universal Care	B+	B+
Vision Plan of America	Cpd	NR-5
Vista Behavioral Health Plans	C+pd	NR-5
Watts Health Foundation, Inc.	E	C+pd
Western Health Advantage	Cpd	C++pd

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