



ALTA BATES MEDICAL GROUP SELECTS BROWN & TOLAND PHYSICIANS FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Alta Bates Medical Group (ABMG) has made the decision to purchase management services from Brown & Toland Physicians beginning in the spring of 2010. The two organizations have also agreed to explore and discuss other opportunities to expand their relationship.

“The switch to Brown & Toland for management services should be a seamless transition for our physicians within Alta Bates Medical Group,” explained Jim Slaggert, chief executive officer of ABMG. Richard L. Oken, M.D., ABMG Board President added, “We are confident that Brown & Toland can add significant administrative value to our patient-centered processes.”

Brown & Toland has a robust administrative infrastructure with capacity to assume responsibility for health plan delegated functions that will enhance ABMG’s administrative processes. “This is a synergistic opportunity for both organizations to work together,” said Gloria Austin, Brown & Toland’s Chief Executive Officer.

Both Alta Bates Medical Group and Brown & Toland Physicians are excited to further explore and develop the relationship between the two organizations. Both groups will continue to keep their physicians and communities apprised of these discussions.

Alta Bates Medical Group is an independent practice association that has served patients in Oakland, Berkeley and the greater East Bay since 1983. ABMG is comprised of more than 600 physicians and serves 48,000 health plan members. Owned and managed by its doctors, ABMG has more than 200 primary care physicians, and 400 specialists throughout the East Bay.

Brown & Toland Physicians, based in San Francisco, is an independent practice association (IPA) of more than 1,500 physicians serving 160,000 HMO members and more than 200,000 PPO patients.