



## **SDI IHN Rating System Description & Methodology**

### **Description**

The *SDI IHN Rating System* rates local and regional, non-specialty integrated healthcare networks (IHNs) on their performance level and degree of integration. The rating system is a means for identifying the SDI Top 100 IHNs based on critical success factors.

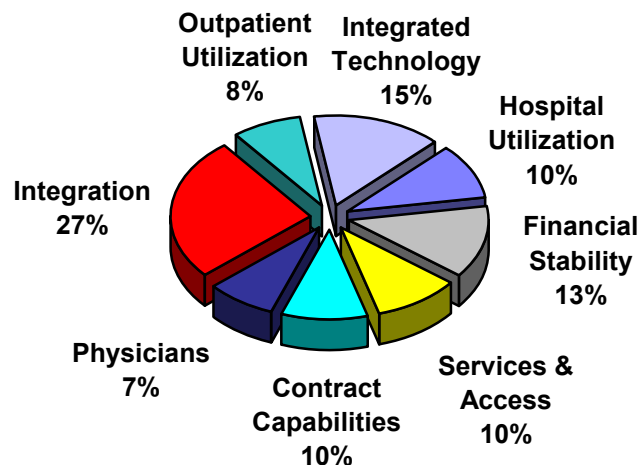
SDI has been tracking the development of the IHN market since April 1994 and surveys the universe of IHNs annually using a standard methodology for collecting the data and rating IHNs nationally.

### **Sources**

The *SDI IHN Rating System* uses data generated from the *SDI Integrated Healthcare Network Profiling Solution*, the *SDI Hospital Market Profiling Solution*, the *SDI Medical Group Practices Profiling Solution*, the *SDI Diagnostic Imaging Centers/Chains Profiling Solution*, the *SDI Freestanding Outpatient Surgery Center/Chain Profiling Solution*, the *SDI Home Health Agency/Chain Profiling Solution*, and the *SDI Healthcare Market Index*.

### **Methodology**

The rating system analyzes each IHN's performance level in the following categories:



The eight categories comprise thirty-three weighted attributes that SDI has determined to be the key indicators for assessing the current and future success of an IHN. Each of the thirty-three weighted attributes is assigned a total available point value. Every IHN receives a performance level evaluation for each attribute. The scores from each of these categories are added together for a total IHN score. The more integrated the system, the greater the point value the IHN receives.