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Texas Hospitals Recognized for High Quality of Care

Huntsville Memorial Hospital One of 88 to Receive Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Award

Austin, TX, *May 31, 2007* – 88 Texas hospitals will receive this year's *Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Award*, presented by TMF Health Quality Institute. The non-competitive program evaluates a hospital's performance improvement on specific national quality measures.

"With this significant achievement, it is clear these hospitals are focused on providing the highest quality care to their patients. They recognize quality improvement is not about data, but about people," said Tom Manley, CEO of TMF Health Quality Institute. "These hospitals demonstrate they are dedicated to ensuring all patients receive the right care at the right time, every time."

The Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Award honors Texas hospitals that are performing quality initiatives aimed at improving outcomes in patient care by recognizing those hospitals that have improved their initial baseline performance on specific national quality measures.

The award acknowledges hospitals for improving care related to acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure, and pneumonia. These clinical areas have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Joint Commission, the nation's predominant independent, non-profit, standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

A ceremony at the Hilton in Austin on June 28, 2007 will honor the 88 hospitals. Of more than 390 eligible Texas hospitals, 63 met the criteria of the highest award, the *Award of Excellence*, and another 25 received the *Quality Improvement Achievement Award*. A list of the honored hospitals is provided below.

Award of Excellence Recipients

Arlington Memorial Hospital
Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth
Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital

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Baylor Medical Center at Irving
Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano
Baylor University Medical Center
Bowie Memorial Hospital
Brazosport Regional Health System
Childress Regional Medical Center
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Healthcare
CHRISTUS St. Catherine Health and Wellness Center
CHRISTUS St. John Hospital
Citizens Medical Center
College Station Medical Center
Columbus Community Hospital
Conroe Regional Medical Center
Cuero Community Hospital
DeTar Hospital Navarro
Glen Rose Medical Center
Graham Regional Medical Center
Harlingen Medical Center
Harris Methodist Fort Worth
Harris Methodist HEB Hospital
Harris Methodist Northwest
Harris Methodist Southwest
Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital
Hemphill County Hospital
Hill Country Memorial Hospital Inc.
Huguley Memorial Medical Center
Kingwood Medical Center
Longview Regional Medical Center
Madison St. Joseph Health Center
Mainland Medical Center
Marshall Regional Medical Center
McCamey County Hospital District
Medical Center of Arlington
Medical Center of Mc Kinney
Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital
Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital
Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital
Mother Frances Hospital Regional Health Care Center
Nix Health Care System

North Hills Hospital
Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano
Presbyterian Hospital of Winnsboro
Providence Memorial Hospital
R.H.D. Memorial Medical Center
Red River Regional Hospital
Seton Highland Lakes
Seton Northwest Hospital
Stamford Memorial Hospital
Stephens Memorial Hospital
The Methodist Hospital
Trinity Medical Center
UT Southwestern University Zale Lipshy Hospital
Valley Baptist Medical Center
West Houston Medical Center
Woodland Heights Medical Center

Quality Improvement Achievement Award Recipients

Bayshore Medical Center
Brownwood Regional Medical Center
CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi
CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth Hospital
Coleman County Medical Cente
Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center
East Houston Regional Medical Center
Goodall Witcher Healthcare Foundation
Gulf Coast Medical Center
Hamilton General Hospital
Huntsville Memorial Hospital
J.P.S. Health Network
Las Colinas Medical Cente
Medical Center of Plano
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital
North Austin Medical Center
North Bay General Hospital
Park Plaza Hospital
Parkland Health and Hospital System
R E Thomason General Hospital
Round Rock Medical Center
Seton Edgar B. Davis Hospital
Sierra Medical Center
St. David's Medical Center

Yoakum Community Hospital

TMF Health Quality Institute, the Medicare quality improvement organization for Texas, established the awards program in partnership with the Texas Hospital Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals and Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

The award recognizes hospitals that are active in quality improvement and have made the required improvement on a composite scoring system, called the appropriate care measure (ACM). The ACM consists of ten measures: five acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), two heart failure, and three pneumonia measures.

To qualify for an award, hospitals were required to submit a baseline measurement (second quarter of 2005) of their performance on the clinical measures. They then implemented process changes to improve their performance and remeasured, fourth quarter 2006, to see if they had maintained or improved their performance.

To earn the Award of Excellence, a hospital had to achieve or maintain performance between 90 and 100 percent on the appropriate care measure. To qualify for the Quality Improvement Achievement Award, a hospital had to attain a minimum 80 percent for the appropriate care measure. In addition, hospitals had to improve a certain number of percentage points from their baseline measurement.

For more information on the award, see the TMF Health Quality Institute Award Web site at **www.tmf.org/qualityaward**.

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