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Springhill Medical Center Receives Silver Level Louisiana Hospital Quality Award

Springhill, Louisiana, Springhill Medical Center has received the **Silver Level 2007 Louisiana Hospital Quality Award**, presented by Louisiana Health Care Review, Inc. (LHCR), the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana. The award was announced at the first Louisiana Health Care Quality Summit hosted by LHCR in Baton Rouge in April. With this award, Springhill Medical Center has been recognized for improving the quality of health care given to their patients, and Springhill Medical Center is one of 67 hospitals in the state to receive the 2007 Louisiana Hospital Quality Award.

The Hospital Quality Award honors Louisiana hospitals that successfully implement quality initiatives directed toward improving patient care in the hospital setting. This is the third year these awards have been presented. The award recognizes those facilities that are actively engaged in improving care in one or more of the following areas:

- Acute Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack)
- Heart Failure
- Pneumonia
- Surgical Care

The clinical topics measured for the awards have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Staff members from Springhill Medical Center have been working with quality improvement specialists from Louisiana Health Care Review, Inc. (LHCR) to use proven, evidence-based practices to improve care for their patients.

“Louisiana Health Care Review is pleased to recognize hospitals such as Springhill Medical Center for achieving measured improvement in patient care. More importantly, we know that the utilizing proven standards of care can save lives, and we applaud the work of these hospital teams in their dedication to quality patient care for the people of their community,” said LHCR Chief Executive Officer Gary Curtis. “As the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana we are committed to working with providers in all health care settings to improve the health and health care of Louisianans.”

“The medical staff and the entire health care team of Springhill Medical Center are dedicated to providing the very best in patient care and our efforts have been enhanced through our quality

improvement partnerships with LHCR. We are extremely proud to be a recipient of this distinguished award,” said John Rainey, CEO. Rainey went on to say, “The staff needs to be recognized for working hard to improve the quality of care our patients receive”.

Springhill Medical Center is a 60 bed not-for-profit acute/surgical/geriatric psychiatric hospital that serves Springhill and the surrounding communities. For more information about Springhill Medical Center visit us on the web at www.smccare.com.

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J. Wayne Sessions, M.D., Marilyn Mow, Quality Manager,
John Rainey, CEO, Dana Jones, RN, CNO, Sheila Veuleman, RN, BSN