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Nevada Hospitals Receive Award for Quality Care ***HealthInsight* Program Encourages Excellence Through Accountability**

Las Vegas —On Thursday, September 8, 2011, at the Nevada Hospital Association’s Annual meeting in Incline Village, *HealthInsight*, a private, non-profit community based organization dedicated to improving the health and health care in Nevada, New Mexico and Utah, will recognize four Nevada hospitals as recipients of the 2011 *HealthInsight Quality Award*.

The hospitals selected for the *HealthInsight Quality Award* this year are:

- Mesa View Regional Hospital – Mesquite
- MountainView Hospital – Las Vegas
- Sierra Surgery Hospital – Carson City
- St. Rose Dominican Hospitals – Siena Campus – Henderson

HealthInsight Quality Award recipients are selected for demonstrating high quality health care and excellence in performance on a combination of publicly reported Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) quality of care measures and patients’ perception of care measures. Patient involvement in care is a new focus nationally, so for the first time this year the award criteria included performance on patients’ perspectives in hospital care. Research has shown that high performance on patients’ hospital experiences goes hand-in-hand with excellent clinical care.

The *HealthInsight Quality Award* program was launched in September 2004 to promote transparency in health care. According to the Institute of Medicine, transparency in health care is defined as a system that is “accountable to the public, works openly, makes results known, and builds trust through disclosure.” By using available quality data to identify high performing providers and publicizing the results, *HealthInsight* aims to help providers improve health care and help patients become more active and informed participants in that care.

"We are so happy to present these awards to large and small hospitals from all across the State," said Deborah Huber, *HealthInsight* Nevada Executive Director. "Expanding the award criteria to include patients’ perception of care allows us to further define and reward a more complete picture of “quality” health care.”

The hospital quality data is available by visiting www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov or www.medicare.gov and selecting *Compare Hospitals in Your Area*, or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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