

## News Release

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### **Utah Hospitals Receive Award for Quality Care**

#### *HealthInsight Program Encourages Excellence through Accountability*

**Salt Lake City** —On Thursday, October 6, 2011, at the Utah Hospital Association's Fall Leadership Conference in Park City, *HealthInsight*, a private, non-profit community based organization dedicated to improving the health and health care in Nevada, New Mexico and Utah, will recognize six Utah hospitals as recipients of the 2011 *HealthInsight Quality Award*.

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

- Bear River Valley Hospital – *Logan*
- Fillmore Community Medical Center – *Fillmore*
- Intermountain TOSH: The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital - *Salt Lake City*
- Mountain View Hospital – *Payson*
- Orem Community Hospital – *Orem*
- George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System - *Salt Lake City*

*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 of 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

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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 Marc, Bennett, President and CEO of *HealthInsight*. "Expanding the award criteria to include patients' perception of care allows us to further define and reward a more complete picture of high quality health care."

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

#### About *HealthInsight*

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*HealthInsight* is a recognized leader in quality improvement; transparency and public reporting; health information technology programs; healthcare system delivery and payment reform efforts; and human factors science research and application. *HealthInsight* has offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah. Visit our website at [www.healthinsight.org](http://www.healthinsight.org).

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