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Okeene Municipal Hospital Recognized for Commitment to Quality Improvement

(Oklahoma City)—June 27, 2007—Okeene Municipal Hospital was awarded a certificate of special recognition for its participation in reporting hospital quality data to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) National Data Warehouse and for improving patient care.

Fourteen other Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) received certificates of special recognition at the 2007 Oklahoma Hospital Quality Conference hosted by the Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality on June 15. CAHs are small rural hospitals that provide critical medical care in rural communities but often have limited resources and personnel.

Data is collected on hospitalized patients with diagnoses of Pneumonia, Heart Failure and Heart Attack. The measures for the clinical conditions are based on extensive scientific evidence demonstrating their efficacy in improving quality of care for patients hospitalized with conditions that affect the Medicare population nationwide. CMS makes the performance information reported by hospitals available to the public at www.medicare.gov.

“OMFQ is pleased to present Okeene Municipal Hospital with this award of recognition,” said Donna Piatt, Quality Improvement Specialist at OFMQ. “The hospital leadership and staff have demonstrated a commitment to excellence by dedicating resources to improving quality and safety for their patients.”