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Carson City Hospital receives 2011 Michigan Rural Health Quality Improvement awards



CARSON CITY — Carson City Hospital has received the Michigan Center for Rural Health Award-Award of Excellence Honors Quality for Inpatient Clinical Performance, and the Quality Improvement Achievement Award in Outpatient Clinical Performance.

These awards acknowledge quality improvement efforts to improve care processes for inpatient clinical performance in the care and treatment of heart failure and pneumonia, and outpatient clinical performance in the care and treatment of chest pain and acute myocardial infarction.

This is the third year the Michigan Center for Rural Health has offered this award. Carson City Hospital has shown exceptional commitment to providing their patients with high quality health care," said John Barnas, Executive Director of the Michigan Center for Rural Health. "We are pleased to sponsor this award and recognize the dedication of hospital staff to provide the right care to the right patient each and every time."

"Carson City Hospital is committed to the principles of continuous quality improvement, evidence-based medicine to improve health outcomes, and raising awareness of the requirements at all levels of the organization," said Joan Sweet, Director of Quality. "Together our staff is demonstrating that we are providing the very best in medical care."

Clinical indicators for the 2011 Michigan Rural Health Quality Improvement Awards for inpatient and outpatient clinical performance were based on Carson City Hospital's Appropriate Care Measure (ACM) performance. ACM is a composite score that captures whether or not a patient received all the care that he or she was eligible to receive.

The Michigan Center for Rural Health is a non-profit organization formed in 1991 as part of a nation-wide, federal and state initiative to recognize the importance of rural health care and to create a mechanism for resources to flow to rural areas.

Carson City Hospital and its 10 family-practice affiliates make up the Carson Health Network, which is committed to improving the health and wellness of the community. Carson City Hospital is a 77-bed acute-care hospital affiliated with the Sparrow Health System. Located in central Michigan, the Carson Health Network serves the communities of Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia and Montcalm counties. Its affiliated physician offices are located in Ashley, Carson City, Greenville, Fowler, Ithaca, Lyons, Maple Rapids and Stanton. You can learn more online at www.carsoncityhospital.com. Carson City Hospital: Comprehensive Care. Close To Home.