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Blessing Hospital Awarded 2011 Silver Award for “Progress toward Excellence” from Illinois Performance Excellence

Naperville, IL (December 1, 2011) - Illinois Performance Excellence announces Blessing Hospital is a recipient of the 2011 Silver Award for “Progress toward Excellence” for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement principles. Blessing Hospital will be formally honored at the 17th annual award recognition ceremony, “Saluting Excellence,” on January 20, 2012 held at the Tellabs’ offices located in Naperville.

“Congratulations to Blessing Hospital and all of its employees for its progress to an on-going journey to excellence,” says Darcy Davidsmeyer, President and CEO of Illinois Performance Excellence. “Health care delivery systems face numerous challenges in achieving patient care and safety. Addressing organizational performance and process/resource alignment is the best way to get efficiencies, focus and sustainability within any organization.”

Recipients of the ILPEX Silver Award for “Progress toward Excellence” go to those organizations which have demonstrated effective, systematic well-deployed approaches that respond to the overall requirements of most items in the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and are aligned with organizational needs which lead to sound and notable continuous improvement toward excellence.

A Magnet[®] hospital for nursing excellence and a national “100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare” recipient, Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois, is the largest and most sophisticated medical center in a 100-mile radius of west central Illinois, northeast Missouri and southeast Iowa. A medical staff of more than 240 physicians and a team of more than 2,000 employees provide medical/surgical care in addition to specialized services including open heart surgery, comprehensive cancer care and trauma care. Blessing has nearly 14,000 inpatient encounters and delivers more than 400,000 outpatient treatments annually.

“The ILPEX Silver Award tells Blessing Hospital that it is on the right path to successful future,” said Maureen Kahn, RN, MHA, MSN, President/Chief Executive Officer, Blessing Hospital. The entire care team – physicians, nurses, other providers and support staff – are committed to continuous improvement to enhance the value of the healthcare they deliver to Blessing Hospital patients every day. The Illinois Performance Excellence process gave us expert insight into what is working well in our organization and where the opportunities for improvement lie. Our patients are the real winners in this.”

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