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### **Sherman Hospital Awarded 2011 Silver Award for “Progress toward Excellence” from Illinois Performance Excellence**

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

“Congratulations to Sherman 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.

For over 120 years, Sherman Health has served Illinois’s greater Fox Valley Region’s healthcare needs as a leader in quality care. Since opening its new hospital and Randall and Big Timber Roads in December 2009, Sherman has obtained certification as a NAPBC Accredited Breast Center, a Primary Stroke Center and an accredited Chest Pain Center. Sherman’s Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care offers progressive procedures and techniques to treat a broad range of liver and pancreatic cancers and diseases, traditionally only available at major academic medical centers.

Named the fifth most beautiful hospital in the U.S. by Soliant Health, the 255-bed Sherman Hospital features all private patient rooms, and a 15-acre geothermal lake to heat and cool the facility. Visit [www.ShermanHealth.com](http://www.ShermanHealth.com) today to see how Sherman serves its communities every life, every moment, every day.

“We are honored to receive a Silver Award from Illinois Performance Excellence as a testament to our ongoing commitment to performance excellence, said Rick Floyd, President & CEO of Sherman Health. Our staff, physicians and volunteers take great pride in the work they do every day, and this public acknowledgement goes a long way in helping us to connect to our mission of making a positive difference through outstanding healthcare and service- every life, every moment, every day.”



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#### About Illinois Performance Excellence

Illinois Performance Excellence (ILPEX) empowers organizations to understand and use the framework of the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, moving to a systematic “view” which translates into alignment and sustainability. As a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, ILPEX’s vision is to create a culture of excellence that is pervasive throughout Illinois. For more information on how your organization can benefit from services provided by Illinois Performance Excellence visit [www.ilpex.org](http://www.ilpex.org).

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