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HCHD Receives Health Quality Award

(Houston, TX) The Harris County Hospital District (HCHD) was recently granted the 2005 Texas Healthcare Quality Improvement Award's Award of Excellence by the TMF Health Quality Institute. HCHD is one of 23 Texas hospitals to receive the award that recognizes excellence in the quality of care provided through improved performance on national quality measures.

"This achievement shows our commitment to providing high quality care to every patient who comes through our doors," said David S. Lopez, president and chief executive officer of HCHD. "Our community can be proud that the hospital district is considered among the best healthcare providers across our state and entire nation."

The hospital district recently provided the same level of care to Louisiana residents at its Astrodome Clinic, where more than 11,000 Hurricane Katrina evacuees received emergency healthcare following their arrival at the Houston Astrodome.

HCHD received the Award of Excellence, the highest possible quality award given, for its work in advancing the care provided for acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and heart failure at its two general hospitals, Ben Taub and Lyndon B. Johnson. These are two of the four clinical topic areas designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

The Harris County Hospital District is the public healthcare system for the nation's third most-populous county. In its 40th year, the hospital district operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, 12 community health centers, a dental center, seven school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

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