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**AMMC RECEIVES MORE THAN \$85,000 THROUGH STATE MEDICAID
INPATIENT QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

PARAGOULD, AR --Arkansas Methodist Medical Center was recently recognized as one of only 24 hospitals across Arkansas to receive monetary awards through the state's Medicaid Inpatient Quality Incentive (IQI) Program. To qualify for the 2009 incentive payments, AMMC improved to a 95% success rate on seven of 10 selected quality measures. In addition, the hospital was also required to receive validation on data submitted by the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care through an evaluation process.

For the state's 2009 fiscal year, which covers dates from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, AMMC will receive an award of \$85,571. Last year, the medical center received just over \$76,000. According to AMMC's Vice President of Finance Bryan Jackson, over the last three years of the program's existence, more than \$216,000 has been awarded to the hospital for meeting the specified quality of care standards.

AMMC was evaluated on the quality of care given to surgery patients, patients with pneumonia and patients with heart failure.

According to Assistant Chief Nursing Officer Lana Williams, "At AMMC, we are committed to providing the best quality care to our patients. Receiving these inpatient quality awards for three years in a row, represents a steadfast focus on quality on the part of our dedicated staff and a true team effort in always putting our patients' needs first."

A recognized leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould provides progressive, compassionate healthcare to residents throughout Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Additional information about AMMC is available at: www.arkansasmethodist.org.