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### **AMMC RECEIVES AWARD FOR ER CLINICAL EXCELLENCE**

**PARAGOULD, AR--** For the second consecutive year, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center has received an award for clinical excellence from VHA Inc., a national healthcare network that helps not-for-profit hospitals improve their clinical and economic performance.

The award for high performance in AMMC's Emergency Department, presented by VHA's Oklahoma/Arkansas regional office recognizes AMMC for length-of-stay rates below national benchmarks set by the Centers for Disease Control.

"VHA works with dozens of hospitals across Arkansas and Oklahoma, and our mission is to help them become better performers," said Bruce A. Naylor, M.D., vice president of clinical improvement and medical director for the VHA Oklahoma/Arkansas region.

"We provide hospitals with Web tools that enable them to assess their current performance, clinical blueprints that guide them to better performance, and a regional collaborative that enables them to network with each other to accelerate the pace of performance improvement. Public expectations, payer demands and government mandates are pushing hospitals to provide better care. By recognizing these selected hospitals with clinical quality awards, we hope to demonstrate that hospitals can overcome the financial obstacles that often stand in the way to achieving clinical excellence."

Dr. Michael Johnson, Medical Director of AMMC's Emergency Department says, "We are pleased to receive this honor as we work to continue to improve and expand upon our

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services, with a keen focus on quality and compassionate patient-focused care. In a crisis, patients can depend upon AMMC's ER to provide the best quality care in a timely fashion."

VHA Inc., based in Irving, Texas, has 17 offices across the United States. VHA has a track record of proven results serving more than 1,400 not-for-profit hospitals and more than 23,000 non-acute care organizations nationwide.

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](http://www.arkansasmethodist.org).