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### **AMMC TO RECEIVE MORE THAN \$75,000 THROUGH STATE'S MEDICAID INPATIENT QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**PARAGOULD, AR** -- Arkansas Methodist Medical Center was recognized by Governor Mike Beebe on Monday at the State Capitol in Little Rock as one of 32 hospitals across the state to receive a “bonus payment” through the state of Arkansas’ Medicaid Inpatient Quality Incentive (IQI) Program for 2008.

AMMC was awarded the bonus due to the top quality of care it has provided to patients with heart failure and pneumonia. This is the second year for the program. For the state’s fiscal year 2008, which covers dates of service from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, AMMC’s bonus will be \$76,219. Last year, AMMC received just over \$55,000, according to Bryan Jackson, vice president of finance for AMMC. The amount of the bonus is based on the number of Medicaid patients admitted to the medical center.

“We are very proud to have achieved this incentive for both of the two years it has been available,” Jackson said. “Achieving these quality measures reflects a real team effort and commitment on the part of our dedicated staff to providing the best care possible to our patients.”

According to Lana Williams, RN, director of quality management, the physicians are the drivers of this project and the staffs of many departments have helped to ensure quality care.

“It’s been our team’s dedication to providing very good care that has led to this financial reward for the medical center,” Williams said. “Ultimately, the overall honor is the recognition for the high quality of care that’s given here at Arkansas Methodist.”

A recognized healthcare leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould is a state-of-the-art nonprofit institution providing world-class medical services and compassionate care to residents throughout the Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri region. Additional information about AMMC is available at: [www.arkansasmethodist.org](http://www.arkansasmethodist.org).