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**STATE HONORS ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER FOR QUALITY
EXCELLANCE.**

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould is one of only 25 hospitals in the state recognized by the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services for providing outstanding, quality care. The honor is based on the Medical Center's rating with Medicaid, a program that uses state and federal government money to provide medical services for needy and low-income Arkansans.

To qualify, Arkansas Methodist had to meet five of seven standards of care ranging from the treatment of patients admitted with heart failure to pneumonia. "Earning this award has been a total team approach from our doctors, nurses, administration and support staff," said Lana Williams, director of performance improvement at AMMC. "We worked with everyone to insure high quality standards were being achieved."

The distinction, which was presented on Monday, July 2nd by Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe, is also a financial award.

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QUALITY EXCELLENCE AWARD (2/2) July 9, 2007

AMMC will receive nearly \$100,000, an incentive for providing consistent, excellent health care. The amount will help offset part of the balance of patient health care not covered by the Medicaid program.