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## **CHI St. Joseph's Health recognized by Minnesota Hospital Association for excellence in quality and patient safety**

PARK RAPIDS, MN (June 6, 2019) – CHI St. Joseph's Health has been recognized by the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) for superior performance in quality and patient safety as part of MHA's Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN). MHA is one of 16 national, regional or state organizations selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to participate in HIIN. All 123 hospitals in MHA's HIIN are working to reduce overall patient harm by 20 percent and 30-day hospital readmissions by 12 percent.

To earn this recognition, CHI St. Joseph's Health has been a leader in quality improvement in the MHA HIIN. CHI St. Joseph's Health invested resources to report on at least 75 percent of process measures, met HIIN reduction goals on 70 percent of eligible outcome measures and implemented patient and family engagement efforts. CHI St. Joseph's Health is focusing attention on 20 of the HIIN focus areas, including medication safety, reducing numbers of infections, falls, sepsis and pressure injuries while partnering with patients and families for better outcomes.

“CHI St. Joseph’s Health has demonstrated a commitment to strengthening patient safety in Minnesota, contributing to our state’s well-deserved reputation for high-quality health care,” said Dr. Rahul Koranne, MHA’s chief medical officer. “Working in partnership, care team members from hospitals and health systems across the state are improving health outcomes for our patients, families and communities.”

“Our work this year in the areas of preventing hospital acquired infections, sepsis response, fall prevention and reducing 30-day readmissions has been a collaborative effort among our clinical, support staff and medical providers” said Chris Broeker, RN Director of Quality for CHI St. Joseph’s Health. “We are fortunate in Minnesota to have important best practice resources available to us through MHA. This allows us to implement effective practices that minimize the risk of harm to patients and employees in our organization.”

For more information about quality and patient safety efforts at Minnesota’s hospitals and health systems, visit [www.mnhospitals.org/quality-patient-safety](http://www.mnhospitals.org/quality-patient-safety).

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#### **About CHI St. Joseph’s Health**

*CHI St. Joseph’s Health is a 25-bed critical access hospital serving communities in Hubbard, Becker, Cass and Wadena Counties since 1946. In recent years, CHI St. Joseph’s Health’s award-winning teams received several national honors including: The Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in surgery; Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, HealthStrong; WomenCertified’s America’s Best Hospitals Women’s Choice Award in obstetrics; and the Studer Group Fire Starter Healthcare Organization of the Month among other national, regional and state recognitions.*

#### **About CHI**

*Catholic Health Initiatives, a nonprofit, faith-based health system formed in 1996 through the consolidation of four Catholic health systems, expresses its mission each day by creating and nurturing healthy communities in the hundreds of sites across the nation where we provide care. The nation’s third-largest nonprofit health system, Englewood, Colorado-based CHI operates in 18 states and comprises 103 hospitals, including four academic health centers and major teaching hospitals as well as 30 critical-access facilities; community health-services organizations; accredited nursing colleges; home-health*

*agencies; living communities; and other facilities and services that span the inpatient and outpatient continuum of care. In fiscal year 2015, CHI provided almost \$970 million in charity care and community benefit - an 8% increase over the previous year -- for programs and services for the poor, free clinics, education and research. Charity care and community benefit totaled more than \$1.6 billion with the inclusion of the unpaid costs of Medicare. The health system, which generated operating revenues of \$15.2 billion in fiscal year 2015, has total assets of approximately \$23 billion. Learn more at [www.catholichealthinitiatives.org](http://www.catholichealthinitiatives.org).*

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