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“HOSPITAL COMPARE” MARKS A MAJOR MILESTONE

The following statement was released today by Chip Kahn, President of the Federation of American Hospitals:

The Federation of American Hospitals is proud to play a leadership role in the Hospital Quality Alliance and the development of “Hospital Compare.” This new consumer-friendly website marks a major milestone for the public and for health care providers because it allows people for the first time to go on-line to compare how well hospitals perform on standards of care for three of the most common and costly conditions for hospitalization: heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia. These three conditions are just the first step toward building a comprehensive website that will allow the public to compare hospitals on a number of important measures of patient care.

We commend other members of the hospital industry as well as the accrediting groups, consumer and labor organizations, and the federal government who comprise the Hospital Quality Alliance for all of their hard work in launching “Hospital Compare.” We also look forward to working together to present additional hospital treatment information to further benefit consumers.

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The Federation of American Hospitals (“FAH”) is the national representative of privately owned and managed community hospitals and health systems throughout the United States.