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Annual Goal—\$8400
Achieved - \$8400

St. John's Medical Center Earns 5-star CMS Rating

In its most recent release of Hospital Compare Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded St. John's Medical Center its highest five-star rating. The last time the ratings were published, only 83 hospitals in the nation – fewer than 2% -- earned five stars. Of the over 4,000 Medicare-certified hospitals in the U.S., the average overall rating is three stars.

“Earning a CMS overall rating of five stars is a testament to the continuous performance improvement adopted by our physicians and staff, who provide high quality, safety-oriented services,” said St. John's CEO Paul Beaupré, MD.

“We are particularly proud of our recent accomplishments, which include having zero post-operative infections in the past two years, being ranked in the top 10% of hospitals nationally for patient experience, and being named the safest hospital in Wyoming,” said Beaupré.

“However, we will not rest on our laurels. We continually look for areas where we can improve.”

The Overall Hospital Rating is calculated by taking the weighted average of group scores in seven measures: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, effectiveness of care, timeliness of care, and efficient use of medical imaging.

The latest Overall Star Ratings uses data from dates ranging from the second quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2017.

In December, CMS will make the most up-to-date hospital star ratings available at www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare

CMS awarded St. John's Living Center an overall five-star rating in its August 2017 release of nursing home ratings.



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CCMH Receives Performance Excellence Award

Campbell County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) is one of three recipients of the 2017 Performance Excellence Award from Rocky Mountain Performance Excellence.

“We are the first organization of any industry in Wyoming to obtain any level of the Baldrige award,” said CEO Andy Fitzgerald. “I am extremely pleased and proud of the work done by many peo-

ple to achieve this award, and to have CCMH claim this first milestone in the Baldrige journey. There are four levels before the national award and we have obtained the second level of award. Undoubtedly there are numerous opportunities for us to improve on before we start the application process for the next level of our journey”.

Thousands of organizations worldwide use the Baldrige Performance Excel-

lence criteria to improve processes and achieve sustainable results. The few organizations recognized as national role models have achieved the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award, named after former Secretary of Commerce Malcom Baldrige. The national award was established by Congress in 1987 in response to foreign competition in product and process quality.

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Converse County Hospital Foundation

Patrons of Converse County Bank have a new way to support the Converse County Hospital Foundation without spending an extra dime. Starting last month, the bank has issued special debit cards that reward the hospital foundation five cents for every time the card is swiped.

Through the end of this year, Converse County

Bank has upped the ante to ten cents for every swipe.

"We're so grateful to the people of Converse County for their generous spirits," Jennifer Rinn, director of the Converse County Hospital Foundation said. "With Converse County Bank's generous Support Healthcare in Converse County card, there will be even more we can do for our community."

Tom Saunders, president of Converse County Bank invites everyone in the community to get their own Support Healthcare in Converse County VISA debit card.

"Your loyalty to this, our hometown, is humbling and inspiring to all of us at the bank," he said. "We stand ready to put our Loyalty Cards into the hands of one and all."

WCRS Funding Opportunity



Wyoming Department of Health
Commit to your health.

The Wyoming Department of Health, Integrated Cancer Services Program has announced the Request for Applications (RFA) for the Wyoming Cancer Resource Services (WCRS) Regional Coordinator Program.

The purpose of this competitive application process is to select six (6) regional sites throughout Wyoming

to coordinate cancer control at the regional level.

The components of the WCRS Program include: evidence-based intervention implementation, communications and media, patient and resource navigation, provider engagement, and Wyoming Cancer Coalition participation.

The anticipated contract term will be from July 1,

2018 - June 30, 2020.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on February 9, 2018.

Complete RFA information can be found on the WDH website at <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/prevention/cancer/comprehensive-cancer-control/>