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**Clear Lake Regional Medical Center Receives
Prestigious State Award**

Webster, TX, August 28, 2009 – Clear Lake Regional Medical Center received the 2009 Award of Excellence from the Texas Medical Foundation Health Quality Institute on Aug. 27. TMF is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Texas. The Award of Excellence is the organization’s highest honor and most prestigious award, given to hospitals that have demonstrated excellence in health care quality through improved performance on national quality measures.

Of the 227 participating Texas hospitals, only 27 met the criteria and were awarded the highest possible commendation – the Award of Excellence – and 66 hospitals were presented with the Quality Improvement Achievement Award.

The award acknowledges Clear Lake Regional Medical Center’s superior care related to heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care – clinical areas that have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and The Joint Commission, the nation’s predominant independent, non-profit standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

“We truly hold ourselves to the highest standards in health care,” said Stephen K. Jones, Jr., CEO of Clear Lake Regional Medical Center. “This recognition exemplifies our commitment to delivering the superior quality of care to every patient, every time. I am proud of our entire staff for their dedication to the patients we serve.”

About Clear Lake Regional Medical Center

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center is a 595-licensed-bed tertiary regional referral medical center offering comprehensive inpatient and outpatient medical, surgical and specialty services, including a Level IIIb Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and open-heart surgery. With a medical staff of more than 600, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center employs 1,700 medical professionals and offers a comprehensive range of primary and tertiary services for patients of all ages. For more information, call (281)332-2511 or visit online at www.clearlakermc.com.

About the Texas Medical Foundation

TMF Health Quality Institute, formerly the Texas Medical Foundation, has been a presence in Texas health care since being chartered in 1971 as a private, non-profit organization of licensed physicians tasked with leading quality improvement and review efforts in the state. Over the past 37 years TMF has developed and nurtured strong relationships with stakeholders in all provider settings, including hospitals, physician offices, home health agencies and long-term care facilities, through work as the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Texas and various state, local and private contracts.

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