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South Davis Community Hospital's Dedication to Continuous Quality Improvement Earns Prestigious Award

BOUNTIFUL, Utah, *July 14, 2009* –

South Davis Community Hospital (SDCH) has been recognized as one of the 2009 recipients of the Step I National Quality Award presented by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) and the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL). This year 664 nursing and assisted living facilities from across the nation applied for the Quality Award at this level. SDCH was one of 435 facilities to receive the award nationwide, and one of only four awarded in Utah.

SDCH received a 2009 Step I Quality Award by showing how staff has integrated the elements of systematic quality improvement into daily operations. As a Step I Award recipient, South Davis Community Hospital demonstrated its organization-wide commitment to person-centered care, defined its principal customers and their expectations, and indicated how it is striving to meet their needs.

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program was created in 1996 and is modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award – the nation's premier award for recognizing distinguished achievement. The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Awards are presented to three levels of achievement: the first Step I Award; a more rigorous Step II Award; and, a comprehensive Step III award.

"Our Quality Award is the most prestigious recognition of quality within the long term care profession," said AHCA/NCAL President and CEO, Bruce Yarwood. "This facility's achievement places it at the forefront of organizational and performance excellence, where the mission of quality care for elderly and disabled Americans is vigorously pursued."

"SDCH's achievement shows that dedicated frontline caregivers, administrators, nurses and physicians are committed to providing quality care and to meeting residents' needs," Yarwood continued.

For over 32 years South Davis Community Hospital has been devoted to innovative specialty health care programs. The not-for-profit facility is a genuine "community hospital" with 520 employees offering long term nursing care; long term acute care; a pediatric transitional care program; home health and hospice services; Alzheimer and dementia care; orthopedic rehabilitation; assisted living; wound care; and, respiratory therapy, and tracheostomy and ventilator-dependent expertise.

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