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**Southern New Hampshire Medical Center Earns CMS 4-Star Hospital Rating  
— Top Quarter Nationwide for Overall Quality —**

**(Nashua, NH) July 28, 2016** – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released its highly anticipated “Star Ratings” for hospitals. Southern New Hampshire Medical Center received 4 stars out of 5.

“This rating places us in the top quarter, nationwide, for overall quality,” says Michael S. Rose, President and CEO. “Our achievement is a testament to the individual and collective efforts of all of our employees, across our organization, who work tirelessly on behalf of those we serve.”

Rose also thanked the Board of Trustees for its unwavering support of the Medical Center’s Quality Initiatives. “I’m grateful to the board, and to our medical and administrative leadership, for challenging us to pursue the highest level of achievement.”

CMS posted the ratings on its *Hospital Compare* website. The goal is to help patients and families make easier and more informed choices about their health care. In a press release announcing the new rating system, CMS said patients and families can use the ratings to “...learn about the quality of hospitals, compare facilities in their area side-by-side, and ask important questions about care quality when visiting a hospital or other health care provider.”

CMS will continue to evaluate and make any needed changes to the methodology over time. The agency anticipates that the rating system will likely become the generally accepted benchmark for hospital quality.

Southern New Hampshire Health System is made up of Southern New Hampshire Medical Center and its affiliated multi-specialty provider group, Foundation Medical Partners. The Health System is committed to improving, maintaining and preserving the



health of people in the greater Nashua area. The Medical Center is celebrating a 125-year tradition of providing innovative health programs and preventive health resources to the community.

Our clinical affiliation with Massachusetts General Hospital offers our patients access to collaborative programs in cancer care, pediatric specialties, trauma, vascular surgery and stroke management. Our program relationships with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (OB/GYN) and Lahey Hospital & Medical Center (cardiovascular medicine) open up a full range of adult and maternal health care services that are available to our patients through a medical staff of more than 500 primary and specialty care providers.

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Visit the CMS website for more details about the star ratings and methodology:

<https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html>