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Percentage of Employees Vaccinated for Seasonal Flu at Area Hospitals Rises

(December 18, 2009) – Quality Quest for Health of Illinois is tracking the percentage of employees vaccinated for the seasonal flu at area hospitals from October through December 2009. The second report, available at www.qualityquest.org, is for vaccinations completed through November 30, 2009. St. Mary’s Hospital in Decatur was added to the second report. Flu vaccinations in this region are currently voluntary. The percentages are:

Decatur Memorial Hospital – 77%

Pekin Hospital – 76%

Proctor Hospital – 70%

Saint Francis Medical Center – 70%

Methodist Medical Center – 65%

St. Mary’s Hospital, Decatur – 64%

“We encourage area hospitals to continue their efforts of vaccinating employees and our overall goal is to see them reach a 100% rate for vaccinated employees by December 31, 2009. This means patients and hospital staff will be safer and have less transmission of the seasonal flu. Our next report will include employees vaccinated by the end of the year,” said Dr. Gail Amundson, Quest CEO.

About Quality Quest for Health of Illinois

Quality Quest for Health of Illinois is a healthcare collaborative working together to transform healthcare in our state. We bring physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, patients and families together to focus on creating healthier communities with better patient outcomes and improving the quality of care delivered. We collect data related to specific Quest projects and report performance information to the medical community and the public. The information helps providers compare their performance to peers and regional/national benchmarks and to improve patient care.

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