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Percentage of Employees Vaccinated for Seasonal Flu at Area Hospitals Continues to Rise

(January 27, 2010) – Quality Quest for Health of Illinois has tracked the percentage of employees vaccinated for the seasonal flu at area hospitals from October through December 2009. The third and final report, available at www.qualityquest.org, is for vaccinations completed through December 31, 2010.

Five additional OSF Healthcare System hospitals were added to the December report. Flu vaccinations in this region are currently voluntary. The percentages are:

Holy Family Hospital, Monmouth – 93%
St. Anthony Medical Center – Rockford – 85%
St. Mary’s Hospital, Galesburg – 84%
St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington – 78%
Decatur Memorial Hospital – 77%
Pekin Hospital – 76%
Proctor Hospital – 72%
Saint Francis Medical Center – 72%
Saint James Hospital, Pontiac – 69%
Methodist Medical Center – 65%
St. Mary’s Hospital, Decatur – 64%

“Reporting hospital employee seasonal flu shot percentages over a three month period is a good example of how transparency in the healthcare system impacts performance. It also gives the public useful information to help get better care. We congratulate the participating hospitals for their commitment to transparency and quality improvement,” said Dr. Gail Amundson, Quest CEO.

Most hospitals included in all of the monthly reports saw gains in the number of vaccinated employees:

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- Decatur Memorial – 1% increase (76% to 77%)
- Methodist Medical Center – 11% increase (54% to 65%)
- Pekin Hospital – stayed the same
- Proctor Hospital – 4% increase (68% to 72%)
- Saint Francis Medical Center – 7% increase (65% to 72%)

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. We collect data 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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