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## Cherokee Mental Health Institute Earns 'Top Performer' Recognition

(Des Moines, Iowa) – The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has announced that the Cherokee Mental Health Institute (CMHI) has been recognized as a 2014 *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*<sup>®</sup> by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

CMHI was recognized as part of The Joint Commission's 2015 annual report "*America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety*," for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for its inpatient psychiatric services, and tobacco and substance use treatment. It is one of only 1,043 hospitals out of more than 3,300 eligible hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2014 *Top Performer* distinction.

The *Top Performer* program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions. Last year, the Independence Mental Health Institute earned the honor.

To be a 2014 *Top Performer*, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2014 accountability measure data, including:

- Achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure with at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Have at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and within that measure set, achieve a performance rate of 95 percent or above on all applicable individual accountability measures.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of the Cherokee Mental Health Institute and the Iowa Department Human Services for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

"We place a priority on quality and safety, and on improving positive patient outcomes through evidenced-based care practices," said CMHI Superintendent Cory Turner. "The Cherokee Mental Health Institute is proud to be named a *Top Performer* as we recognize the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff."

For more information about the *Top Performer* program, visit [www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top\\_performers.aspx](http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx)

Cherokee Mental Health Institute (MHI) is one of Iowa's two mental health institutes providing short term psychiatric treatment and care for severe symptoms of mental illness. Learn more here: [http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/17-DHS-4-1\\_Cherokee\\_MHI\\_Narrative\\_1.pdf](http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/17-DHS-4-1_Cherokee_MHI_Narrative_1.pdf)

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