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**GERBER MEMORIAL HEALTH SERVICES RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S
AWARD AND GOVERNOR'S RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE**

Fremont, Michigan... November, 2008. Gerber Memorial Health Services (GMHS) has received MPRO's 2007 Governor's Award for Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Hospital Setting. GMHS received this award for improving patient care for Heart Failure, Pneumonia and Acute MI (Heart Attack). In addition, GMHS also received the Governor's *Recognition of Excellence* for being a top performer.

"Award recipients are committed to providing Michigan citizens with high quality health care," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. Award measures line up with improving care in a number of clinical areas. GMHS was chosen from pre-selected clinical areas. These clinical areas are designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Award winning hospitals focused on intense work in one or more of the following clinical areas:

- Appropriate Care Measures
- Surgical Care Improvement
- Systems Improvement – Health Information Technology

Furthermore, as a recipient of the Governor's Recognition of Excellence, GMHS has been acknowledged for being a "top performing" hospital in each of the award categories. Award criteria for the Governor's *Recognition of Excellence* required that additional effort be put forward. This included a more intense approach to examining system processes, and in some cases, implementing system redesigns in order to meet defined criteria.

At Gerber Memorial, collaborative teams of physicians and nurses utilized evidenced-based practices to ensure high quality on a daily basis. The efforts of Associates (Employees) in many departments throughout the organization contributed to enhancements of already excellent patient care, which is reflected by the *Recognition of Excellence* designation.

"Together, our staff is demonstrating that we are providing the very best in medical treatment and care – the right care, each and every time. Our efforts have been enhanced through collaborations among our Associates and Physicians," stated Randy Stasik, President and CEO of Gerber Memorial. "Our priorities here at GMHS are to focus specifically on Quality and Safety in every service the organization provides to our patients."

Gerber Memorial Health Services is a 77-bed, acute care hospital and health care organization which serves the entire community of Newaygo County. Recognized as one of the 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work for in West Michigan, and the Outstanding Rural Healthcare Organization of 2008, GMHS also received the 2007 Governor's Award for Excellence for improving the quality of care and patient safety in the hospital setting. Services include a 24-hour Emergency Department,

Women's Health Center, Cancer Center, modern Surgical Suites and accompanying ICU Unit, Birth Center, Tamarac – The Center for Health and Well-Being, New Focus Center for Mental Health and Continu-Care Home Health Services. Gerber Memorial Hospital is located in Fremont, Michigan, 45 miles NW of Grand Rapids.

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