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All Lee Health Adult Hospitals Increase CMS Star Ratings
*Each of Lee Health's Adult, Acute Care Hospitals Earns Three Stars
from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Mar. 4, 2019) --- Last week the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released their 2019 Five-Star Quality Ratings, awarding Cape Coral Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center, HealthPark Medical Center and Lee Memorial Hospital with three stars. The scores reflect recent improvements undertaken by the health system to continue improving its quality of care for the Southwest Florida community.

“The CMS star rankings are an important measure of hospital quality and safety and we are honored to be recognized for the level of care we provide patients in Southwest Florida. Thank you to all of the doctors, advanced providers, nurses and support staff at our hospitals for their commitment to providing compassionate, high quality and safe care in our hospitals,” said Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health president and CEO.

CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families and caregivers compare hospitals more easily. The scores are based on previously reported quality and safety data points including, patient satisfaction, value and outcomes, among others.

“The 5-Star Rating program has been a catalyst to further strengthen the quality of care offered at Lee Health. We are committed to being a national leader in the advancement of health and healing and are confident our efforts will continue to deliver positive results. We are proud of the quality of care we provide at Lee Health and will continue to use the CMS report to identify opportunities for improvement. We are grateful for the tireless work of our entire Lee Health team, especially our caregivers, as we further explore how to improve the services we provide to our community,” said Scott Kashman, Lee Health’s chief acute care officer.

The updated CMS rankings follow recent recognitions Lee Health has received for quality and safety. This month all four Lee Health adult acute care hospitals were named among “America’s Best Hospitals™” for 2019, a distinction that places them in the top five percent of hospitals nationwide, according to Healthgrades, a leading online resource for information about physicians and hospitals. This designation rewards hospitals that consistently exhibit comprehensive, quality care across all clinical areas.

In 2018, three Lee Health hospitals earned “A” grades with one hospital, HealthPark Medical Center, only .03 points away from an “A” grade in the Leapfrog Group’s bi-annual hospital safety grades. The group also named Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida a “top hospital” for the third straight year, one of only three children’s hospitals in the nation to receive this honor.

Visit <https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/About/Hospital-Info.html> to learn more about CMS uses data.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.