

Stone County Medical Center Ranks High in Quality

August, 2007 - Mountain View, Ark – In the latest quality report issued by the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) Stone County Medical Center ranked 6th among Arkansas' 28 Critical Access Hospitals. AFMC measures hospital compliance with national standards for the care of patients with heart failure, acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and pneumonia. AFMC monitors patient outcomes by reviewing patient data. The compliance average among Critical Access hospitals statewide was 69% and Stone County Medical Center achieved a compliance rate of 89%.

Stone County Medical Center developed a quality department dedicated to monitoring compliance with AFMC standards. The quality department brings employees from throughout the hospital to create an inter-disciplinary team focused on protocols, documentation, education and communication to improve patient outcomes. Monthly feedback to employees and physicians allow the team to celebrate successes and make adjustments if needed.

“Physicians and employees have embraced the philosophy of the quality department and it shows in our performance,” said Karen Craft, SCMC Administrator. “While we have some work yet to do, I am so proud of our accomplishments in quality and want to recognize the efforts of our physicians and employees.”

The Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the clinical evaluation and improvement of healthcare in Arkansas. As Arkansas' Medicare Quality Improvement Organization, AFMC provides in-depth quality evaluation and improvement programs for Medicare, Medicaid and other payors.

Stone County Medical Center is a critical access hospital serving Mountain View and the Stone County Area. It is an affiliate of White River Health System, a regional not-for-profit healthcare organization serving North Central Arkansas.