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Payson Regional Medical Center is Named One of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters

(PAYSON, Arizona – March 30, 2010) – Payson Regional Medical Center (PRMC) was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare.

The award recognizes hospitals that have achieved excellence in clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance, and operational efficiency. This is the second time PRMC has been recognized with this honor.

“To be recognized for this award for the second time is a testament to the outstanding work and commitment of our dedicated health team and the doctors in our community,” said Chris Wolf, Chief Executive Officer of PRMC.

PRMC previously was recognized as a Top 100 hospital in 2006. The hospital is one of only three Arizona hospitals recognized as meeting the criteria of this award. Having a 100 Top Hospital award-winner in the community means that:

- Patients are measurably less likely to have a complications, adverse patient safety event, or die unnecessarily, or be readmitted.
- Patients are more likely to receive care efficiently at a reasonable comparative cost.
- The community can rely on the hospital as a well-managed major employer that will continue to invest in newer technology and services the community needs.

PRMC is a 44-bed acute care hospital with 322 employees. In 2009, the hospital treated 10,462 emergency room patients, 2,727 inpatients, 35,371 outpatient visits and the medical clinics treated 26,293 people. In 2009, PRMC made capital investments of \$5,076,567 with a total community benefit of approximately \$29,538,661.

The winners were identified through an in-depth analysis, the Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals®: National Benchmarks study. The study evaluated 3,000 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals in nine

areas: mortality, medical complications, patient safety, average length of stay, expenses, profitability, cash-to-debt ratio, patient satisfaction, and adherence to clinical standards of care.

The winning hospitals were announced in the March 30 edition of Modern Healthcare magazine.

“The 100 Top Hospitals winners raised the bar again this year, delivering a higher level of reliable care and greater value for their communities,” said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters.

If all Medicare inpatients received the same level of care as Medicare patients treated in the winning hospitals:

More than 107,500 additional patients would survive each year.

Nearly 132,000 patient complications would be avoided annually.

Expenses would decline by \$5.9 billion a year.

The average patient stay would decrease by nearly half a day.

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research is available at www.100tophospitals.com. To learn more about Payson Regional Medical Center, go to www.paysonhospital.com.

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