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## **CMS Awards 5-Star Rating to St. Clair Hospital For High Quality Care**

*St. Clair Is Only Hospital In Western Pennsylvania To Be Awarded Top Rating*

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (February 28, 2019) — The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today awarded St. Clair Hospital a 5-star quality rating, the highest rating available, as part of its refresh of the *Hospital Compare* website. It was the only 5-star rating awarded in western Pennsylvania.

Since 2016, CMS has published ratings of more than 4,000 Medicare-certified hospitals on the *Hospital Compare* website to help patients choose a provider based on documented performance in areas such as quality, patient satisfaction, and patient safety. CMS calculates an overall rating using a composite of 57 metrics. CMS uses a 1 to 5 star scale, with 5 stars being the highest rating. The scores are based on hospital performance in seven categories: Mortality; Readmission; Safety of Care; Patient Experience; Effectiveness of Care; Timeliness of Care; and Efficient Use of Imaging.

“The *Hospital Compare* website and Stars Rating System are valuable consumer tools that provide helpful and important information on the safety and quality of our nation’s hospitals,” said CMS Administrator Seema Verma. “These decision-making tools offer great transparency on hospital performance for a wide variety of users — patients, caregivers, families, and the broader healthcare industry.”

“St. Clair is very pleased to be recognized with a 5-star rating” says Diane Puccetti, Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer, St. Clair Hospital. “It places St. Clair in the top 6.4 percent of hospitals in the United States.”

“This accomplishment is a direct reflection of the compassion, dedication, and expertise of our nursing staff, physicians, and entire care team,” says Kaitlin Shotsberger, Executive Director, Quality & Care Management, St. Clair Hospital. “St. Clair’s commitment is to put every patient first, every single time.”

“This achievement adds to St. Clair’s growing list of awards for patient safety, quality, satisfaction and value,” says John T. Sullivan, MD, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. “It’s a testament to the overall excellence of the organization.”

### **About St. Clair Hospital**

St. Clair Hospital is a nationally recognized integrated health system with more than 2,500 employees and 600 physicians serving 500,000 residents of southwestern Pennsylvania. In 2016, it became a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. As the region’s largest independent hospital, St. Clair participates with all major insurers.

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