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BANNER HEALTH NORTH COLORADO MEDICAL CENTER NAMED AMONG AMERICA'S 50 BEST HOSPITALS FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

WELD COUNTY, CO – On Monday, the Weld County Board of Commissioners recognized Banner Health North Colorado Medical Center (NCMC) for receiving Healthgrades highest distinction of being named one of the 50 Best Hospitals in America for the second year in a row. NCMC is one of two hospitals in Colorado and the only hospital in northern Colorado to receive this designation. The distinction puts NCMC among the top 1% of more than 4,500 hospitals nationwide reviewed by Healthgrades.



The Weld County Board of Commissioners congratulate Ken Schultz, Board Executive of NCMC, Inc. for NCMC being named one of the 50 Best Hospitals in America.

"Achieving this honor is truly a team effort with not only the hospital and its employees but also the NCMC, Inc. Board and Banner Health," said Commissioner Pro-Tem Sean Conway, commissioner representative on the NCMC Trustee Board of Directors. "We are very appreciative of all the work they do to serve the residents of Weld County."

NCMC also received recognition as a 2016 Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence as determined by Healthgrades, based upon its performance in specialty categories including Pulmonary Care Excellence, Stroke Care Excellence and Critical Care Excellence. NCMC's recognition as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals follows five consecutive years as a recipient of America's 100 Best Hospitals Award.

"NCMC is fundamental to Weld County's economic development plan," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "Having a hospital in our community with such high distinctions plays an important role when individuals, families and businesses choose to locate here."

NCMC is located in Greeley and is a fully accredited, private, non-profit facility licensed to operate 378 beds. NCMC professionals are nationally recognized for excellence in many programs such as burn, trauma care and cardiac. Additionally, NCMC is home to a highly-rated cancer care program and cancer institute. Designated as a Level II Trauma Center, NCMC has provided a medical air transport service to the region since the early 1980s and now has two helicopters available for patient transport.

For more information about NCMC awards and designations, visit the Healthgrades website at www.healthgrades.com/quality/top-hospitals-2016.

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