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Heartland Community Health Clinic joins Central Illinois Health Information Exchange

(Peoria, IL) – Heartland Community Clinic joined the Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) as a Charter Member. CIHIE is an independent nonprofit organization that has been incubated under the auspices of Quality Quest for Health of Illinois. Health information exchange (HIE) is the process of securely sharing patient information from electronic medical records, insurance claims and other sources (such as prescribing information) in an electronic format between healthcare providers. A patient must give consent in order for confidential records to be shared within an HIE.

“We are pleased to have another central Illinois healthcare provider join our effort to make patient care better,” said Dr. Gail Amundson, president and CEO of Quality Quest. “Sharing medical information between healthcare providers enhances coordination between caregivers, helps prevent duplication of services, and helps lower medical errors.

In addition to the Heartland Community Health Clinic, the current Charter Members of CIHIE are: Advocate Bromenn Medical Center, Normal; Decatur Memorial Hospital; Easter Seals - Peoria & Bloomington-Normal & Decatur; Human Service Center, Peoria; Methodist Medical Center of Illinois, Peoria; OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria; Proctor Hospital, Peoria; St. Mary’s Hospital, Decatur; St. Mary’s Hospital, Streator; and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria.

About Heartland Community Health Clinic

Heartland Community Health Clinic (HCHC) has been in operation since February 1, 2004, as a federally designated community health center. Its targeted population includes the largest concentration of low-income adults and children and the greatest percentage of minorities, uninsured, medically indigent and homeless within the city of Peoria and the larger tri-county region. Heartland’s primary care providers serve nearly 13,000 patients annually.

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