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**IHA QUALITY CARE INSTITUTE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chief Quality Officers, Member Hospitals and Health Systems
Chief Medical Officers
Chief Nursing Officers
Directors of Quality
Directors of Infection Control
Directors of Public Relations

FROM: Maryjane A. Wurth, President

SUBJECT: July 1 Submission Deadline for IHA's Quality Awards Approaching

Only seven days remain to submit your hospital's application to IHA's 2011 Quality Excellence Achievement Awards—Better to Best. **Better to Best** recognizes and celebrates the achievements of Illinois hospitals for advancing quality patient care across our state. All IHA member hospitals are encouraged to submit applications via email by **noon on Friday, July 1** by [clicking here](#).

Two Quality Care Institute Awards will be given in four categories (Urban, Rural, Medicaid/Safety Net and Specialty) for a total of eight awards:

- **The IHA Pledge Quality Achievement Award** recognizes hospitals that have demonstrated significant improvement efforts meeting the goals of IHA's *Raising the Bar: Call to Action* campaign to reduce or eliminate hospital-acquired conditions and infections.
- **The IHA Innovation in Quality Award** honors hospitals that have demonstrated innovative approaches addressing elements of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim, which include:
 - Improving the health of the population;
 - Enhancing the patient experience of care (including quality, access and reliability); and
 - Reducing or controlling the per capita cost of care.

The IHA Quality Care Institute has assembled a team of national quality experts to judge entries. Award recipients will be notified in early August and recognized at the IHA Leadership Summit on September 20 in Lombard. All submissions will be aggregated into a best-practice resource which will be made available to all hospitals and health systems. There is no application fee.

This is your opportunity to showcase your hospital's quality achievements to local, state and national legislators and policymakers, consumers and the media. By participating, you also will be helping us in our advocacy efforts on behalf of Illinois hospitals.

Don't miss this critical opportunity to celebrate your team and tell your hospital's story.