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### **GMCF honors John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital for quality cardiac care**

(ATLANTA, Ga.) – Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF), the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Georgia, today congratulated John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville for delivering quality cardiac care.

Working with GMCF since May 2005, Archbold Memorial has revised and implemented protocols for the treatment of heart attack patients, and implemented proactive approaches to care.

“Archbold’s process improvements in cardiac care will help to assure that it delivers the right care for every patient every time,” noted Susan Robbins, GMCF Hospital Project manager.

The organizational culture change has resulted in Archbold Memorial consistently performing at 100 percent for most cardiac care measures. The hospital’s leadership receives daily feedback as part of an action plan that also provides physicians with their individual data, and comparisons to state and national averages.

“We are very proud of our Process Improvement Program because our patients are receiving appropriate care and being discharged home alive and well,” said Dr. Charles Sanders, Chief of Staff. Patient care has been taken to a higher level to assure that practices and protocols are implemented according to evidence-based medicine.

GMCF is a not-for-profit, physician-sponsored organization dedicated to continuously improving health care. In operation since 1970, GMCF provides innovative health care solutions focused on quality improvement, utilization management, medical review, and health care outcomes research. For more than 20 years GMCF has served as the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Georgia through a contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For more information, please visit [www.gmcf.org](http://www.gmcf.org).