

Critical Access Hospital Governor's Award Release

(November, 2008) - Deckerville Community Hospital has received MPRO's 2007 Governor's Award for Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Critical Access Hospital Setting. Deckerville Community Hospital received the accolade for improving patient care in medication safety.

"Award recipients are committed to providing Michigan citizens with high quality health care," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. Award criterion aligns with improving care in a number of clinical areas. Deckerville Community Hospital chose from pre-selected clinical areas. These clinical areas are designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Hospitals focused on intense work in one or more of the following clinical areas:

- Clinical Performance
- AMI (Acute Myocardial Infarction) Transfer
- Systems Improvement- Health Information Technology

Deckerville Community Hospital established a multidisciplinary team to spearhead improvement measures using proven, evidence-based practices. "Together, our staff is demonstrating that we are providing the very best in medical treatment and care — the right care, each and every time. Our efforts have been enhanced through our collaborations with MPRO, Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization, states Ed Gamache, CEO.

The Governor and MPRO have partnered since 2003 to honor hospitals for their efforts to embrace best practices to improve systems and health outcomes. This marks the 4th that Deckerville Community Hospital has received the Governor's Award of Excellence. The Governor's Award has been enthusiastically supported by a variety of Michigan organizations and professional associations including the Alliance for Health, American Cancer Society, American College of Physicians, BCBS of Michigan, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality, Michigan Health Council, Michigan Health Information Management Association, Michigan Rural Health Association, Michigan Nurses Association, Michigan Quality Improvement Consortium; and the Michigan State Medical Society.

MPRO and the Governor honored Deckerville Community Hospital at an award ceremony on October 29, 2008, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan.