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NMHS NAMED AS ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP HEALTH SYSTEMS

TUPELO, Miss– North Mississippi Health Services has been selected for inclusion in *Modern Healthcare* magazine's listing of the nation's Top Health Systems.

The annual rankings, compiled by Thomson Reuters, is based on patient satisfaction and clinical quality outcomes.

"We are honored to be included in this ranking of the nation's top 20 percent of health systems in the United States," said John Heer, North Mississippi Health Services president and chief executive officer. "This honor validates that our organization is focused on the right things: our patients and the quality of care and service provided to them."

NMHS was the only health care organization in Mississippi to make the list. Sixty-four health care systems of the 321 systems studied earned this designation.

NMHS has six hospitals, North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, as well as a community hospital system with locations in Eupora, Iuka, Pontotoc, West Point, Miss., and Hamilton, Ala. NMHS provides a continuum of care to 700,000 residents in north Mississippi, northwest Alabama and portions of Tennessee. The NMHS organization covers a broad range of acute diagnostic and therapeutic services, offered through its hospitals; North Mississippi Medical Clinics, a regional network of more than 30 primary and specialty clinics; and nursing homes. NMHS offers a comprehensive portfolio of managed care plans. NMHS works to achieve its corporate mission to improve the health of the people of this region by providing conveniently accessible, cost-effective health care of the highest quality.