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MRMC Takes Top Spot In Virginia Health Information Ranking

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Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center has taken the top spot in a ranking of hospitals and nursing facilities based on financial and operational performance.

The report was announced today by Virginia Health Information (VHI) in its annual 2011 Industry Report: Virginia Hospital & Nursing Facilities, which reports efficiency rankings, providers' costs, profits and charity care.

"Information on provider costs, efficiency and productivity is especially beneficial for businesses and health care purchasers," said Michael T. Lundberg, executive director of VHI. "The 2011 Industry Report can play a key role in value-based purchasing."

For the 18th year, VHI assessed and ranked hospitals and nursing facilities based on five performance categories: charges, costs, productivity and utilization, financial viability and community support.

Due to significant differences in regional cost structure, Lundberg said, VHI has "leveled the playing field" by applying Medicare's Wage-Price Index to accurately compare acute hospitals.

In addition to MRMC, this year's top hospitals with the highest efficiency ranking include:

- Riverside Walter Reed Hospital.
- Virginia Hospital Center.
- Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital.
- Prince William Hospital.

Since its start in 1993, VHI has supported and advocated for health care transparency in Virginia. Keeping with that tradition, VHI's Industry Report contains between 13 to 24 indicators, including costs and payments per admission, staffing levels, profit margins and charity care contributions depending on the type of facility.

The Industry Report is targeted to the needs of employers and purchasers of health care and the data has been used for more than a decade to help build networks and negotiate provider contracts. It was developed collaboratively among VHI, health care providers and principal investigator, Dr. Ramesh K. Shukla, while at the Williamson Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Information from the 2011 Industry Report also is online at www.vhi.org along with additional information on hospital quality of care and patient satisfaction information.

For more information, contact Virginia Health Information at 1-877-VHI-INFO or info@vhi.org.

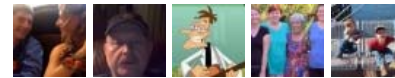
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