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BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER DESIGNATED A PATIENT SAFETY ORGANIZATION

SEDALIA - Bothwell Regional Health Center has been designated a member Missouri Center for Patient Safety Organization. The designation was announced in June by the Missouri Center for Patient Safety.

A patient safety organization is dedicated to improving medical care by reducing medical errors. The Institute of Medicine in a previous report called for the establishment of patient safety centers, expanded reporting of adverse events and the development of safety programs in health-care organizations.

Common functions of a patient safety organization are data collection and analysis, reporting, education, funding and advocacy. Organizations eligible to earn the patient safety designation include hospitals as well as qualifying public, private and not-for-profit entities.

“The purpose of being a patient safety organization is to improve the quality and safety of health-care delivery for patients,” said Bothwell Regional Health Center President and Chief Executive Officer John Dawes. “Becoming a patient safety organization allows Bothwell to create a secure environment where we can improve the quality of our community’s health care by identifying and reducing any risks or hazards associated with patient care.”

A patient safety organization must have defined policies and a primary activity of conducting activities to improve patient safety and the quality of health care provided. Through the analysis, sharing of learning and implementation of improvement activities, patient safety organizations are expected to significantly reduce adverse events and their associated costs.

Patient safety organizations must renew their certification every three years.

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About Bothwell Regional Health Center

Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 180-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health

and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the web site at www.brhc.org.

About the Missouri Center For Patient Safety

The Missouri Center for Patient Safety was established in 2005 upon the recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Patient Safety. It was created to serve as a collaborator among the many stakeholders to improve the safety of care. The Missouri Center for Patient Safety was certified as one of the first 10 patient safety organizations in the country in November 2008.