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HCA Affiliated Mainland Medical Center Recognized for 5-Star-Rated Treatment of Heart Failure and Stroke

Texas City, Texas, October 13, 2009— Mainland Medical Center today announced that it has received a 5-Star rating for the quality of its treatment of heart failure and stroke from HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization. The recognition is based on HealthGrades' twelfth annual *Hospital Quality in America* study, released today, which analyzes patient outcomes at virtually all of the nation's hospitals.

"Quality is our number one priority," said Rob Heifner, Mainland Medical Center CEO. "This recognition is the result of front-line care givers working hard to consistently improve processes and quality measures. Mainland Medical Center, its physicians, employees and volunteers are committed to providing excellent healthcare and we are proud to bring this level of care to our community."

The HealthGrades study, the largest annual report of its kind, analyzed patient outcomes in nearly 40 million Medicare hospitalization records from 5,000 hospitals over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. This year's study found:

- Across all 17 procedures and diagnoses in which mortality was studied, there was an approximate 72% lower chance of dying in a 5-star rated hospital compared to a 1-star rated hospital, and a 52% lower chance of dying in a 5-star hospital compared with the national average.
- If all hospitals performed at the level of a 5-star rated hospital across the 17 procedures and diagnoses studied, 224,537 Medicare lives could potentially have been saved from 2006 through 2008.

The new 2010 HealthGrades hospital ratings were posted today www.healthgrades.com, HealthGrades' public Web site.

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About Mainland Medical Center

An integral part of Galveston County for more than 50 years, Mainland Medical Center's commitment to its neighbors has never been stronger than it is today. This commitment is demonstrated through the hospital's growth, investment and customer satisfaction. Mainland Medical Center is a 223 bed acute care facility with 90 percent private patient rooms. The center's 725 member staff and more than 200 physicians provide quality, compassionate care with state-of-the-art services on the 31-acre campus at the corner of Emmett F. Lowry Expressway and Highway 3. The hospital is an HCA affiliate, one of the largest health care providers in the world.

About HCA Gulf Coast Division

HCA Gulf Coast Division is a comprehensive network of hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, emergency centers, cancer centers and diagnostic imaging facilities. It offers a complete continuum of specialized health programs and services that meet the needs of Greater Houston and South Texas residents and businesses. HCA affiliated facilities in the Gulf Coast Division include 12 hospitals, 6 ambulatory surgery centers, 4 free standing emergency centers, 5 imaging centers, 5 cancer care programs and a Regional Transfer Center. The Regional Transfer Center provides ground and air patient transportation to and from any HCA Houston Affiliated Hospital and any other healthcare facilities.

HealthGrades Ratings

HealthGrades' hospital ratings and awards reflect the track record of patient outcomes at hospitals in the form of mortality and complication rates. HealthGrades rates hospitals independently based on data that hospitals submit to the federal government. No hospital can opt in or out of being rated, and no hospital pays to be rated. For 28 procedures and treatments, HealthGrades issues star ratings that reflect the mortality and complication rates for each category of care. Hospitals receiving a 5-star rating have mortality or complication rates that are below the national average, to a statistically significant degree. A 3-star rating means the hospital performs as expected. One-star ratings indicate the hospital's mortality or complication rates in that procedure or treatment are statistically higher than average. Because the risk profiles of patient populations at hospitals are not alike, HealthGrades risk-adjusts the data to allow for apples-to-apples comparisons. More information on today's HealthGrades study, including the complete methodology, can be found at www.healthgrades.com