



# News Release

## **Four Indiana state hospitals recognized by The Joint Commission as top performers for quality**

Indianapolis (October 30, 2013) – The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is pleased to announce that Madison State Hospital, Evansville State Hospital, Logansport State Hospital and LaRue D. Carter Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis have all been recognized as a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*® by The Joint Commission, an independent, not-for-profit that accredits and certifies health care organizations and programs in the United States.

Out of 3,343 eligible hospitals that submitted accountability measure data to The Joint Commission, 1,099 were recognized as a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures*, as they met or exceeded evidence-based accountability measures that are shown to improve care for certain conditions.

“This recognition from the Joint Commission reinforces our commitment to quality care and exceptional treatment,” said Kevin Moore, director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. “A great deal of focus and effort by hospital staff created this opportunity for success. I am very proud that four of our state hospitals have attained this level of quality achievement.”

To be named a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures* each hospital had to achieve a cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice. Examples pertaining to psychiatric hospitals include appropriate admission screenings, patient safety practices and creation of continuing care plans. Hospitals had to also achieve performance of 95 percent or above on all reported accountability measures, where there were at least 30 cases and have at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above.

“Each of these Indiana hospitals, and all the *Top Performer* hospitals, have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to quality improvement and they should be proud of their achievement,” said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and chief executive officer of The Joint Commission. “We have much to celebrate this year. Nearly half of our accredited hospitals have attained or nearly attained the Top Performer distinction. This truly shows that we are approaching a tipping point in hospital quality performance that will directly contribute to better health outcomes for patients.”