SSM Health St. Francis Hospital recognized for high-value healthcare by Premier Inc.

MARYVILLE, MO (June 28, 2017) – SSM Health St. Francis Hospital, has been recognized with a Citation of Merit for the 2017 QUEST® Award for High-value Healthcare from Premier Inc., a leading healthcare improvement company, for providing outstanding patient care.

Only 63 hospitals received a Citation of Merit for achieving top performance in any four of the six areas measured in Premier’s QUEST collaborative, including cost and efficiency, evidence-based care, mortality, safety, patient and family engagement and appropriate hospital use.

The hospital was honored during Premier’s annual Breakthroughs Conference and Exhibition June 27, 2017.

“St. Francis’ achievements in QUEST reinforces our commitment to reliably deliver the best care experience to the communities we serve,” said Mike Baumgartner, hospital president. “We’re proud to be recognized with a Citation of Merit for the QUEST Award as we continue down our path of improving patient outcomes and community health.”

According to Karie Untiedt, director of regulatory compliance and risk management at St. Francis, the four areas where the hospital achieved top performance were evidence-based care, mortality, safety, and patient and family engagement. “We were on track to meet cost and efficiency measures as well,” she noted.

All QUEST hospitals submitting data for October 2015 – September 2016 were eligible for the QUEST Award. Top performance thresholds were established at the top quartile of performance from a baseline period in all measures except cost of care, which was based on top tercile of performance. Top performance methodology for each dimension varied depending on the unique measure calculation and methodology.

“QUEST hospitals have set high standards in clinical excellence nationwide,” Madeleine Biondolillo, MD, vice president of engagement and delivery for Premier Inc. “Together, they have worked to outperform in healthcare. Premier congratulates SSM Health St. Francis Hospital for their fantastic achievements.”

A recipient of The Joint Commission and National Quality Forum’s 2015 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award, QUEST was launched in 2008 to help health systems reliably deliver the most efficient, effective and caring experience for every patient, every single time. Approximately 350 hospitals volunteered to transparently share data and define a common framework with consistent measures that
would continually set a top performance goal for both participants and the nation. QUEST participants have prevented more than 198,000 deaths and reduced healthcare spending by more than $17 billion.

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**About SSM Health St. Francis Hospital – Maryville**
SSM Health St. Francis Hospital is a full-service, fully-accredited health care organization located in Maryville, Missouri. Its tradition of providing quality, compassionate medicine to the residents of Northwest Missouri began in 1894 and has continued for more than 120 years. Medical services at St. Francis include: emergency, acute, mental health, ob/gyn and cancer care. St. Francis is a three-time winner of the Missouri Quality Award and was the first hospital in the state of Missouri to receive the EPA’s ENERGY STAR® label. As a member of SSM Health, St. Francis is proud to be a part of the first health care recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2002. More information can be found on: [ssmhealthstfrancis.com](http://ssmhealthstfrancis.com).