

BALTIMORE WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES THE 2012 DELMARVA FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

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BWMC excelled in national inpatient clinical areas

Glen Burnie, MD. – July 18, 2012 –Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Maryland, has awarded the 2012 Delmarva Foundation Excellence Award for Quality Improvement to Baltimore Washington Medical Center (BWMC).

The award honors individual hospitals that excel in patient safety and quality improvement. To receive the Delmarva Foundation Excellence Award, the hospital must meet specific performance improvement criteria on 18 measures in four national inpatient clinical areas: acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure, surgical care improvement and pneumonia.

"We are pleased to recognize Baltimore Washington Medical Center with this award," said Thomas Jackson, Delmarva Foundation's Chief Executive Officer. "Recipients of this award possess a strong commitment to excellence and to improving the quality of care for their patients. We commend their achievements and look forward to continuing our collaboration with them to improve the health of Maryland's Medicare beneficiaries."

This is the first time BWMC has been honored with the prestigious award.

"Baltimore Washington Medical Center is honored to have been recognized by the Delmarva Foundation for our commitment to quality patient care," said BWMC President and Chief Executive Officer Karen Olscamp. "I proudly accept this award on behalf of the dedicated staff and physicians at BWMC who are responsible for the medical center in receiving this recognition."

