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South Haven Health System has been recognized as a Community Value Five-Star® Hospital by Cleverley & Associates.

South Haven Health System was recently recognized as a top-ranked Community Value Provider by Cleverley & Associates (Columbus, OH). Cleverley + Associates, a leading healthcare financial consulting firm specializing operational benchmarking and performance enhancement strategies, released the findings as part of its new publication: *State of the Hospital Industry – 2011 Edition*.

The *State of the Hospital Industry* reports an exclusive measure; the Community Value Index®, which is a proprietary index that measures the value a hospital provides its community. This edition focused on US acute-care hospitals over the three-year time period of 2007-2009.

The Community Value Index® is an assessment of a hospital's performance in four areas: financial strength and re-investment, cost of care, pricing, and quality. Being named a Community value Five-Star® Hospital suggests that a hospital provides value to the community when it is financially viable, is appropriately reinvesting back into the facility, maintains a low cost structure, has reasonable charges, and provides high quality care to patients.

“The topic of the cost of health care is increasingly in the news. South Haven Health System is happy to be recognized for our performance as we continuously strive for a balance of being financially sound while offering cost effective, quality care to our community,” states Joanne Urbanski, President/CEO. “Employing approximately 400 people, keeping our facilities updated with current technology and being supportive in community events, as well as the daily practice of health care, South Haven Health System offers a well rounded value to the community.”

For information about the services offered by South Haven Health System, visit them at www.sh-hs.org.

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