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**TOURO AND TOURO AT HOME RECEIVE LOUISIANA CAPSTONE
QUALITY AWARDS**

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NEW ORLEANS - Touro Infirmary has received the 2010 Louisiana Hospital Capstone Quality Award, presented by eQHealth Solutions, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana. The organization also awarded Touro at Home with a 2010 Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Award.

The 2010 Louisiana Capstone Quality Awards recognize Touro as one of only 38 hospitals in the state and Touro at Home as one of 17 home health agencies in the state for achieving certain improvements in the quality of health care given to their patients. The awards are based on Appropriate Care Measures (ACM) providers were monitoring and improving upon during the first and second quarters of 2010.

The Louisiana Hospital Capstone Quality Awards are aligned with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' inpatient quality initiatives and recognize hospital achievements in appropriate care for patients with diagnosis of:

- Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI)
- Heart Failure (HF)
- Community Acquired Pneumonia (PN)
- Improvements in care related to measures outlined in the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP)

The Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Award recognizes Louisiana home health agencies that have excelled at reducing avoidable acute care hospitalizations.

"Touro's medical staff and entire health care team are dedicated to providing the very best in patient care and our efforts have been enhanced through our quality improvement initiatives," said Jim Montgomery, President of Touro Infirmary. "We are extremely proud to be a recipient of the 2010 Louisiana Capstone Quality Awards."

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For 159 years, Touro Infirmary has provided New Orleans residents from all walks of life with quality and compassionate care. For additional information, please visit www.touro.com

The Louisiana Capstone Quality Awards are based on select criteria and measured improvements in the specified clinical areas. For more information about the 2010 Hospital and Home Health Capstone Quality Awards, visit <http://louisianaqio.eqhs.org/>