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St. Joseph Regional Medical Center receives Mission: Lifeline Silver Receiving Achievement Award

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St. Joseph Regional Medical Center has received the Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program's goal is to reduce system barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks, beginning with the 9-1-1 call, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. The initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines.

St. Joseph earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for quick and appropriate treatment through emergency procedures to re-establish blood flow to blocked arteries in heart attack patients coming into the hospital directly or by transfer from another facility.

"St. Joseph is dedicated to providing optimal care for heart attack patients," said Christina Metcalf, Hospital Spokesperson. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in cardiac care through Mission: Lifeline."

"We commend St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for this award in recognition for following evidence-based guidelines for timely heart attack treatment," said Tim Henry, M.D., Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Acute Coronary Syndrome Subcommittee. "We applaud the

significant institutional commitment to their critical role in the system of care for quickly and appropriately treating heart attack patients.”

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About St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, part of LifePoint Health, is the largest full-service regional Medical Center between Boise and Spokane providing advanced-level specialty healthcare. Our commitment to providing safe, exceptional care for our community means having highly skilled and certified physicians on our healthcare team and a quality facility with the latest in medical technology. St. Joseph has more than 120 board-certified physicians and providers, active in both primary care and specialty practice. We seek to enhance the quality of life of the citizens we serve in our local communities through the promotion of health, by assuring compassion, sharing knowledge, providing technology, and communicating a love for what we do. St. Joseph Regional Medical Center – Making Communities Healthier®.

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