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**ELMHURST HOSPITAL CENTER
 RECOGNIZED FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EFFORT**

Receives an IPRO 2011 Quality Award

(Elmhurst, NY, June 7, 2011) – Elmhurst Hospital Center is one of just 14 recipients statewide to receive a 2011 IPRO Quality Award. The Quality Awards, given annually by IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for New York State, recognize healthcare providers that demonstrate a commitment to improving healthcare services in the state.

“We thank the leadership and staff of Elmhurst Hospital for their commitment to implementing best practices and evidence-based care,” says Clare B. Bradley, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, IPRO. “This commitment has led to measurable improvements in care for their patients, and has supported our statewide quality improvement goals.”

“Our hospital is committed to providing the best care to our patients, and IPRO has given us the tools to help make this possible,” said Chris Constantino, Elmhurst Hospital Center’s Executive Director.

IPRO’s 2011 Quality Awards were conferred at its Annual Membership Meeting on June 7th. Dr. Bradley noted that Elmhurst Hospital received the award because of their “organization-wide commitment to patient-centered care and quality improvement, as demonstrated by the collaboration between the nursing staff in the medical-surgical division and the information technology (IT) team in the use of health IT to optimize patient care.”

As the Medicare QIO for New York State, IPRO’s activities target the quality of healthcare provided to the state’s more than 2.9 million beneficiaries. IPRO supports providers across the state with evidence-based, clinical interventions and objective expertise to improve healthcare processes and patient care. For more information, visit www.ipro.org.

About Elmhurst Hospital

Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) is the major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. The hospital is comprised of 545 beds and is a Level 1 Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911 Receiving Hospital. It is the premiere health care organization for key areas such as Surgery, Cardiology, Women’s Health, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine, and Renal and Mental Health Services.

Elmhurst Hospital center serves an area of approximately one million people. This community is recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Last year, EHC received close to 700,000 ambulatory care visits as well as receiving over 130,000 Emergency Room visits--making it one of the busiest ERs in New York City. Over 4,000 babes were delivered at Elmhurst last year alone. Ensuring accessible health care is our priority.