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Bogalusa Medical Center Receives Award For Heart Care at LSU Forum

Baton Rouge (February 19, 2008) – The LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) awarded Bogalusa Medical Center (BMC) the second place award for most improved in its care of congestive heart failure patients at the 11th annual LSU HCSD Health Care Effectiveness Forum, entitled “Eliminating Disparities and Improving Access to Relationship-Centered Care,” in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The seven hospitals of LSU HCSD were eligible for awards.

The LSU Health System is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 60,000 admissions, 350,000 patient days, 1 million outpatient visits, and over 350,000 emergency department visits. Each year 1700 residents from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 4,000 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU facilities.

LSU is the largest single provider of uncompensated inpatient care in Louisiana. LSU hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.6 billion in asset business activity, \$918 million in personal earnings, and support over 10,000 jobs.

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