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Quincy Medical Center Awarded \$2.5 million as an Essential Health Care Provider

First Awards from Essential Community Provider Trust Fund Announced

Quincy, MA, September 15, 2006 -- Quincy Medical Center will receive \$2.5 million in funds from the Commonwealth's new Essential Community Provider Trust Fund. Competitive grants were awarded to specific hospitals and community health centers across the state considered essential to the health and well being of their area.

"As we enter the critical implementation phase of healthcare reform, we're counting on these providers more than ever to deliver high quality services at affordable prices," said Health and Human Services Secretary Timothy Murphy.

"The award is a vote of confidence in the hospital and the care we provide to South Shore communities," said Gary Gibbons, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Quincy Medical Center. "We are honored to be recognized by the Trust Fund for our importance to the communities we serve and are greatly appreciative of our state legislative delegation and Quincy city officials and their continued championing of QMC's vital role in the health and education of South Shore residents."

The Trust Fund was established under the new health reform law. Many of the essential providers that receive awards from the Fund will be integral to the efforts to enroll uninsured residents into the new health plans that will be offered as part of reform.

"We believe we can play an important role in making this new health reform effort a success," Dr. Gibbons said.

Quincy Medical Center (www.quincymc.org www.quincymc.org) is a 232-bed acute care community-teaching hospital providing South Shore residents with comprehensive medical and surgical services. The medical center's Alliance for Quality with Boston Medical Center (BMC), formed in 1999, brings academic medicine to the community. At Quincy Medical Center, physicians from Boston Medical Center direct the departments of medicine, surgery, anesthesia, emergency medicine, and psychiatry. Additionally, physicians from BMC who are board-certified in a range of medical and surgical specialties work with community physicians to ensure the continuity of patient care.

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