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Baptist Hospital Earns National Recognition for Lowering C-section Rates

PENSACOLA, Fla. (Dec. 16, 2020) – Baptist Hospital is the only hospital in Pensacola and one of only 15 in the state of Florida to achieve the federal Healthy People 2020 Maternal and Child Health goal of reducing Cesarean section (C-section) rates for first-time mothers with low-risk pregnancies at or below 23.9 percent in 2019. The announcement was made by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Florida Department of Health.

This is the second consecutive year Baptist has earned this national recognition. “This is an important reflection of the team's exceptional efforts to provide evidence-based maternal and infant health care practices,” said Scott Raynes, executive vice president, Baptist Health Care. “It speaks to our ongoing commitment to improving maternal and child health outcomes.”

According to the Florida Department of Health, reducing the occurrence of unnecessary C-sections lowers the rate of prematurity and maternal death and creates better health outcomes for mothers.

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About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization based in northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life's journey. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center and a large network of primary care and specialty physicians. With more than 7,300 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the second largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida.

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