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Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Receives Four Stars CMS Quality Ratings

Chicago, IL – The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center announced that it received a four-star rating from the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS). This is the first time CMS has included VA facilities in their annual Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings.

The CMS uses 5 categories – mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care – to award a quality rating for each hospital. The more stars (out of 5), the better a hospital performed on the available quality measures.

Overall, 67% of VA hospitals included in the CMS annual Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings received either 4 or 5 stars, compared to only 41% of non-VA hospitals. These findings are the latest in a series of recent evaluations showing the effectiveness of VA health care compared to non-VA health care. VA hospitals outperformed non-VA hospitals on all 10 core patient satisfaction metrics in the [recent Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Star Ratings](#), and a recent [systematic review of more than 40 peer-reviewed studies](#) found that VA health care is consistently as good as — or better than — non-VA health care.

According to Dr. Sarah Unterman the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Chief of Staff, “We are showing the quality of our clinical care is in the top tier what’s available in this geographic area. I am extremely proud of the work people have put into the medical center achieving this four-star rating. We have a plan to get us to the five-star rating which will mark us as the premier medical center in Chicago,” said Unterman.

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