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Jefferson County Health Center Named 2009 Most Wired Small and Rural Hospital

Fairfield, IA. Jefferson County Health Center in Fairfield has been named Iowa's only **MOST WIRED—SMALL AND RURAL** according to the results of the 2009 Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study released in the July issue of *Hospitals & Health Networks* magazine.

Last year JCHC was named on the "25 most improved list" and this year they were acknowledged for their Information Technology commitment by being awarded the highest award given, Most Wired. There were only four hospitals in the state of Iowa that were received an award.

"This is a great honor and we are very proud of our accomplishments. The new Jefferson County Health Center is dedicated to utilizing the latest in information technology to better serve our patients, physicians and community. This award acknowledges our staff's hard work and commitment in this area." Deb Cardin, CEO

The purpose of *Hospitals & Health Networks'* Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study is to promote the effective use of information technology in achieving clinical and operational excellence.

Hospital & Health Networks' Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study is a unique program surveying hospitals and health systems on their use of information technology to achieve goals related to the following areas:

- patient safety and quality
- customer service
- business process improvement
- workforce management and,
- disaster readiness.

Jim Bartilson, IT Director said "I think it's wonderful for the Health Center and staff members to get recognized for their commitment to continuous improvements in their healthcare services and support systems. It's definitely a challenge to participate in the Most Wired survey. Being named on the list for the second year in a row is something that Health Center, staff members and the entire Community can be proud of".