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EXCELA HEALTH RECEIVES AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AWARD FOR WORKPLACE TOBACCO FREE INITIATIVES

GREENSBURG, PA, April 18, 2012 ... Excela Health has been awarded the American Cancer Society[®] Excellence in Workplace Tobacco Control Award. The health system is the first company in Pennsylvania to receive this national designation.

The award recognizes Excela Health's commitment to helping its employees take steps to stay well by providing them with tobacco cessation programs and policies and benefits coverage that encourage tobacco cessation at the workplace.

Excela Health committed to be tobacco free systemwide in 2007 to ensure a therapeutic environment and the best quality of life for patients, employees and visitors. As part of this commitment, patients and visitors receive no-cost, bedside, classroom and telephonic tobacco cessation counseling. In addition under Excela Health's benefit program, employees also receive various supportive measures to help them quit tobacco use, including free cessation counseling from a certified tobacco treatment specialist, and free nicotine replacement therapies for themselves and their spouse.

To be eligible for the American Cancer Society's Excellence in Workplace Tobacco Control Award, organizations must have more than 1,000 employees and implement a company-wide, tobacco-free policy that eliminate all barriers to cessation success.

Excela Health is a partner in the Westmoreland Tobacco Free Coalition, a voluntary association of organizations and individuals working for tobacco free youth, tobacco cessation classes for people of all ages, and smoke-free environments.