EXCELA HEALTH RECOGNIZED FOR CUTTING ENERGY COSTS

GREENSBURG, PA, July 7, 2016… Excela Health ranks among the nation’s leaders in energy efficiency, and is one of only two health systems in Pennsylvania to receive the Energy to Care Award. The American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association will recognize Excela Health’s efforts at its 53rd Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition July 10-13 in Denver, and has invited Excela to share its methods for achieving energy savings with other health care providers throughout the coming year.

The Energy to Care program, sponsored by Johnson Controls, encourages hospitals across the country to reduce their energy consumption. Facilities that reduce energy by 10 percent or more over the previous year—and previous Energy to Care winners who go on to reduce consumption by an additional 5 percent—are eligible to win an Energy to Care Award. This is the second consecutive year that Excela Health has received the honor on behalf of one or more of its hospitals. The energy savings means more resources are available to support patient care.

Excela Westmoreland Hospital’s first Energy to Care award in 2015 came as a result of a 10% reduction in energy use when comparing 2014 usage to the 2013 baseline. The decrease in energy cost due to the energy savings was approximately $163,250 a year or 8.55% overall. In 2015, Excela Latrobe Hospital also received the award for a 10% energy reduction that will save approximately $190,000 annually in energy costs.

Excela Westmoreland Hospital's 2016 Energy to Care Award is based on a further 5% weather normalized reduction when comparing 2015 to 2014. This resulted in a lowering of energy costs by 3.4% for additional annual savings of $60,500.

To achieve these results, Excela Facilities staff identified and resolved energy conservation opportunities in the hospitals. Of the 110 possible savings opportunities identified through the retro-commission process, 38 have been implemented and others are in progress.

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