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**Women & Children's Hospital Chief Nursing Officer
Receives Outstanding Achievement Award**

LAKE CHARLES, LA, June 7, 2010 – Charlene Warren, Chief Nursing Officer of Women & Children's Hospital, has been honored with an Outstanding Achievement Award from Community Health Systems, one of the nation's leading systems of general acute-care hospitals. The organization includes Women & Children's Hospital and over 120 other hospitals in 29 states. The Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes hospital leaders who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to quality healthcare and operational excellence.

Warren was named CNO in 2005, providing clinical leadership as the hospital has expanded surgical services, adding a total joint replacement center and incision-less surgical procedure to treat individuals with chronic acid reflux. The hospital was recently recognized for maintaining high employee, physician and patient satisfaction scores, in addition to receiving a Louisiana Gold Quality Award.

"I am delighted to receive this award and share the honor with the entire nursing staff at Women & Children's Hospital. We have an excellent team of nurses, ancillary staff and physicians who are committed to the health and well-being of our patients," said Warren.

This is Warren's second term at Women & Children's Hospital, following 15 years living outside the Lake Charles area. She was the first nurse hired when Humana Women's Hospital opened in 1984, serving as the prenatal education coordinator.

Warren is excited by the hospital's continued growth and momentum. "Women & Children's Hospital is a great place to work because we make a difference every day. Our new medical office building is almost complete and we are in the process of recruiting several physicians to our medical staff to better meet the healthcare needs of the community."

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About Women & Children's Hospital: Women & Children's Hospital (WCH) is a full-service acute care hospital located at 4200 Nelson Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605. WCH is the area's preferred leader for Women's Services and offers inpatient, outpatient, medical and surgical care for men, women and children. WCH is a recognized Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence and is equipped with a 24-hour, physician-staffed Emergency Department and a Level 3 Neonatal ICU. For more information about WCH, visit www.women-childrens.com.