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## NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE

### Recent Inspection at University Medical Center Shows Significant Improvements

*Carson City* – A health and life safety inspection of University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMC) was conducted June 15-18, 2010, by inspectors from Nevada State Health Division. The hospital was inspected for compliance to the Code of Federal Regulations for acute hospitals as established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Nevada State Health Division recognizes UMC for significant improvements in their healthcare delivery systems.

Richard Whitley, Administrator for the Nevada State Health Division said, “Information transparency in our healthcare system often includes what is not working or what must be improved, but it should also acknowledge what is working and what has been improved. UMC made important improvements in emergency room services, nursing services, infection control, and quality assurance. Although there is always room for improvement; the facility has demonstrated a commitment to improve the quality of care to the patients.”

“The results of this complete hospital survey demonstrate UMC’s dedication to ensuring that we provide the best possible care to our patients,” said UMC CEO Kathy Silver. “We are very proud of the service we provide to the community as well as our entire team who have made this accomplishment possible.”

The Nevada State Health Division is the licensing and certification agency responsible for inspecting hospitals to check their compliance with the state and federal regulations, investigating complaints, and reporting the results to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). When deficiencies are identified, the Nevada State Health Division and CMS share responsibility for taking enforcement action to make sure that hospitals address the problems and come back into compliance.

For more information about the Nevada State Health Division, go to: <http://health.nv.gov>.

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