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**Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center
Named Blue Distinction CenterSM for Cardiac Care**

Glendale, CA – Anthem Blue Cross has named Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center as a Blue Distinction CenterSM for Cardiac Care.

Blue Distinction is the Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies' nationwide program that will create an unprecedented level of transparency with two goals: engaging consumers to enable more informed healthcare decisions and collaborating with physicians and hospitals to improve quality outcomes and affordability. A key component of Blue Distinction is a specialty center program that offers the best practices and standards of care in bariatric surgery, cardiac care and transplant services.

"Glendale Memorial Heart Center is honored to be named a Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care by Anthem Blue Cross," says Santo S. Polito, MD, medical director. "At Glendale Memorial, our physicians, nurses and other clinicians work hard every day to provide compassionate and quality care to our patients. This award is a reflection of their commitment and their continuous pursuit of excellence."

The process used to select Blue Distinction CentersSM is based on clinical data supplied by hospitals. Each facility's structure, processes and care outcomes are rigorously evaluated. The criteria for designation include nationally endorsed quality measures, developed in collaboration with medical experts and professional organizations.

Blue Distinction puts a high value on research and evidenced-based health and medical information," says Allan Korn, MD, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association chief medical officer. "These centers show our commitment to working with doctors and hospitals in communities across the country to identify leading institutions that meet clinically validated quality standards and deliver better outcomes in patient care."

The criteria for becoming a Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac CareSM include:

- Full-service, accredited inpatient hospital facility;
- Program must be performing a required volume of percutaneous coronary interventions and coronary artery bypass graft surgeries and provide a full range of services including inpatient cardiac care and cardiac rehabilitation;
- Sub-specialty board certification of cardiac team;
- Ongoing quality management and improvement programs; and
- Cardiac care processes and outcomes for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, percutaneous coronary interventions and coronary artery bypass graft surgery including evaluation of complication and mortality rates.

For more information about cardiac care at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, call (818) 502-BEST (2378) or visit us at www.glendalememorial.com.

About Glendale Memorial

Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center is a 334-bed acute care community hospital serving the health care needs of our community since 1926. We are dedicated to healing people, and strengthening the communities we serve.

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Designation as Blue Distinction Centers means that these facilities' overall experience and aggregate data met objective criteria established in collaboration with expert clinicians' and leading medical societies' recommendations. Individual outcomes may vary. To find out which services are covered under your policy at these or any other facilities, please call Anthem Blue Cross and please call your provider before making an appointment, to verify the most current information on their Network participation status. Neither the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association nor any of its Licensees are responsible for any damages, losses, or non-covered charges that may result from using these materials or receiving care from a provider listed in these materials.

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