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## **Huntsville Hospital recognized as a “Tier 1” hospital**

HUNTSVILLE – Huntsville Hospital has been recognized for their commitment to quality, cost-effective care by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

BCBS of Alabama categorizes hospitals into one of three “tiers,” based on their performance in three areas. With a score of 98 out of 100 total points, Huntsville Hospital is designated as “Tier 1” for having attained the highest level of compliance in the following categories:

- Fiscal awareness – Hospitals scoring high in this category have demonstrated a commitment to ensuring patients receive the most cost-effective care for their healthcare dollar.
- Quality awareness – Scores in this category reflect a hospital’s commitment to specific programs and initiatives designed to improve quality of care. “Tier 1” facilities such as Huntsville Hospital actively participate in an effort to reduce hospital-acquired infections, in the sharing of best practices and in increasing healthcare transparency.
- Patient safety awareness – Hospitals scoring high in this area have implemented National Quality Forum safe-practice standards and Rapid Response Teams, completed employee safety surveys to pinpoint areas for improvement, perform above-average on national core quality measures, and participate in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement 5 Million Lives Campaign.

Editors’ note: Patient and physician interviews can be arranged.

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