PatientRightsAdvocate.org Presents Pullman Regional Hospital with Price Transparency Champion Award

Hospital honored for posting all actual prices and "putting patients first"

Today, <u>PatientRightsAdvocate.org</u> (PRA) announced that Pullman Regional Hospital in Pullman, WA, will receive PRA's new *Price Transparency Champion Award*, which recognizes U.S. hospitals and hospital systems that are demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to full price transparency to empower patients to compare prices and lower their costs. See the full release here.

"I congratulate Pullman Regional Hospital on this distinction and applaud them for being a true champion for Pullman's patients and healthcare consumers," said PRA Founder and Chairman Cynthia Fisher. "By fully complying with the <u>federal transparency rules</u>, Pullman Regional Hospital is leading the way and doing its part to support every patient's right to accurate, upfront prices. We are at the beginning of the great reveal of all pricing data online. When every U.S. hospital matches Pullman Regional Hospital's transparency, patients and care purchasers will be empowered to compare prices and plans, lower their costs, and protect themselves from overcharges. PRA is proud to salute Pullman Regional Hospital for having the integrity to post all their prices and for setting an example for all other hospitals in America to follow."

To celebrate and honor Pullman Regional Hospital's outstanding price transparency, PRA will also be placing a billboard in Pullman with a message of congratulations.

The introduction of the Price Transparency Champion Award comes after last month's release of PRA's <u>fifth Semi-Annual Hospital Price Transparency Compliance Report</u>, which revealed that only 36% of U.S. hospitals reviewed are in full compliance with the federal Hospital Price Transparency Rule, including only 34.5% of hospitals (10 of 29) in Washington.

U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05), in whose congressional district Pullman Regional Hospital is based, praised the hospital for its achievement.

"Pullman Regional Hospital is leading the way on health care price transparency," said Rep. McMorris Rodgers. "By fully embracing existing price transparency rules, they are empowering patients in Eastern Washington with the information they need to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. At a time when many hospitals have still failed to follow the rules, Pullman Regional Hospital is a shining example of how we can work together to give people the certainty and stability they need for a more secure and healthier future. I congratulate them on receiving this award and urge other hospitals to follow their lead by posting their prices. Patients are counting on it."

Each hospital receiving PRA's Price Transparency Champion Award has distinguished itself in terms of exemplary transparency compliance, in some cases showing a record of significant improvement, and demonstrating a steadfast commitment to putting patients over profits.

A total of ten hospitals and five hospital systems nationwide were awarded PRA's inaugural Price Transparency Champion Award. They are:

Baton Rouge General - Mid City – Baton Rouge, LA

- Grandview Medical Center Birmingham, AL
- Mercy Hospital Downtown Bakersfield Bakersfield, CA
- MetroHealth Medical Center Cleveland, OH
- Pullman Regional Hospital Pullman, WA
- Ridgeview Medical Center Waconia, MN
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital New Brunswick New Brunswick, NJ
- Rush University Medical Center Chicago, IL
- Saint Tammany Parish Hospital Covington, LA
- UW Health University Hospital Madison, WI
- Kaiser Permanente Oakland, CA
- Community Health Systems Franklin, TN
- Universal Health Services King of Prussia, PA
- CommonSpirit Health Chicago, IL
- LifePoint Health Brentwood, TN

About PRA

PatientRightsAdvocate.org (PRA) is a leading national healthcare price transparency organization dedicated to ushering in systemwide transparency through advocacy, testimony, media, legal research, and grassroots campaigns. PRA believes that the availability and visibility of actual, upfront healthcare prices will greatly lower costs for patients and employers through a functional, competitive healthcare marketplace.

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