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### Quality Partners of Rhode Island Announces 2008 *Advancing Innovation in Healthcare Awards Program*

PROVIDENCE, RI (May 6, 2008) – Quality Partners of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the 2008 *Advancing Innovation in Healthcare awards program!* The awards program recognizes Rhode Island-based organizations, or individuals, who have had the greatest achievements and innovations in their quality improvement initiatives, including healthcare improvements related to **patient safety**. The success of these programs and initiatives improves the quality of healthcare for Rhode Island residents. Sharing best practices, as well as lessons learned, throughout the local healthcare community is the goal of the awards program.

The (5) five Healthcare Quality Awards categories are hospital, physician office, nursing home, home health agency and consumer health. This is an opportunity for successful programs to be recognized statewide. If you are aware of a program that one of your peers has worked on, which has had positive results, please urge them to apply.

Award winners will be recognized at the 5<sup>th</sup> *Annual Celebration of Healthcare Quality in Rhode Island*, hosted by Quality Partners of Rhode Island with honorary co-chairs U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse. The event showcases improvements implemented by Rhode Island organizations.

There is no charge to participate in the awards program.

For detailed information about the healthcare awards program, including how to submit an application, visit [www.qualitypartnersri.org](http://www.qualitypartnersri.org) and click on 'Healthcare Awards.' To register for our annual event, visit [www.qualitypartnersri.org](http://www.qualitypartnersri.org) and click on 'Events.'

**About Quality Partners of Rhode Island:** Quality Partners is a non-profit healthcare quality improvement agency providing consulting, research and education services. With a staff of over thirty physicians, nurses, educators, analysts and other professionals, we partner with national and local government agencies, foundations, insurers, healthcare providers, stakeholders and educational institutions on quality improvement initiatives.

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