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Riverview Health Recognized for Excellence in Infant and Maternal Health

Noblesville, IN—Riverview Health was recognized today by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Governor Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Kris Box, MD, FACOG, for its commitment to infant and maternal health at the first annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program.

INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health's Safety PIN grant, was developed to implement the delivery of best practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of infant and maternal health.

Riverview Health earned a Category of Excellence recognition based on implementing best practices in five key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, and obstetric hemorrhage.

"This recognition reflects the hard-working team we have at Riverview Health Maternity Center that maintains a high standard when it comes to patient care," said Michelle Allen, director of maternal and child services at Riverview Health. "The excellent patient care combined with a personalized approach where each mom and family feel they are not just a number is what really sets us apart."

"Indiana's birthing hospitals are critical partners as we work to drive down infant mortality," Gov. Holcomb said. "Thanks to their efforts, Indiana's infant mortality rate has fallen to the lowest level in state recorded history. Together we will continue this important work to save even more lives and give every Hoosier newborn the best opportunity ahead."

"I am inspired by the work and passion our birthing hospitals bring to make sure all babies born in Indiana have the best start at life," Dr. Box said. "Reducing infant and maternal mortality requires a multi-pronged approach over the course of many years to see impactful change. We're seeing that change happen, but we can't stop now. We must continue to adopt best practices so that we can celebrate more first birthdays in Indiana."

Box noted that among many successes, Indiana has seen a nearly 30 percent drop in Indiana's black infant mortality rate in just two years.

"Indiana hospitals are grateful for the leadership of Governor Holcomb and Dr. Box and are thrilled to be a partner in Indiana's successful effort to reduce infant mortality," said IHA President Brian Tabor. "We look forward to building on the progress we've made and achieving Governor Holcomb's goal for Indiana to have the lowest rate of infant mortality in the Midwest by 2024."

Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as freestanding combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are more than 25 primary, immediate and specialty-care facilities in Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence. National achievements include Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Orthopedic Surgery award (2019) and the American College of Cardiology awarded Riverview Health with the NCDR Chest Pain—MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2019—an award Riverview Health has achieved six years in a row. For more information on Riverview Health, visit riverview.org.