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Oregon Eye Surgery Centers Scores 100% from Medicare

Eugene, Ore. - During an inspection this week in Eugene the Oregon Eye Surgery Center was noted to have zero deficiencies, making this facility the first and only Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) in the state of Oregon to achieve a perfect score from Medicare. \$9 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is available to state survey agencies in 43 states for ASC inspections. The onsite reviews are designed to ensure that ASCs are following Medicare's health and safety standards. State surveyors use a new CMS survey process that implements a tool developed in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC is also making available \$40 million to state public health departments to create or expand state-based health care associated infection (HAI) prevention and surveillance efforts. These funds support the Department of Health and Human Services' [2009 action plan](#) to prevent HAIs. The impact of inspections on

ophthalmology-based ASCs has begun to be felt around the country as inspectors show up for surprise visits which may last up to four days and involve observations of surgery, nursing care and documentation of infection control and quality assurance.

Ginny Pecora, RN, Administrator of Oregon Eye Surgery Center, commended her staff for outstanding commitment to the highest quality patient care. “The results of our inspection demonstrate and reinforce the dedication each and every one of our employees shows on a daily basis,” she said. “The inspiring leadership of our physicians sets the direction for our work.” Mark Packer, MD, Assistant Medical Director, lauded the facility for its high achievement. “Oregon Eye Surgery Center has, from its inception 25 years ago, provided state-of-the-art surgical care in an extraordinarily caring environment. The teamwork and devotion of our employees and their commitment to quality make possible our outstanding outcomes.”

Oregon Eye Surgery Center provides surgical procedures for cataract, glaucoma, diabetes and many other eye conditions, and offers refractive procedures such as LASIK and Refractive Lens Exchange. Oregon Eye Surgery Center has been the site of many clinical investigations that have resulted in advances in surgical techniques and technology.