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Pardee moves forward with Electronic Health Records to Improve Patient Care

(Hendersonville, N.C.) For the first time in our nation's history, hospitals and eligible healthcare providers can now [register](#) with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to demonstrate intent to achieve meaningful use of certified electronic health records (EHRs) and qualify for incentive payments under the [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs](#), part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"Pardee is eager to participate in this opportunity because we believe electronic health records provide a number of advantages to our patients, including access by physicians to their patients' complete health picture, better care coordination and fewer repetitive tests as providers share information and ultimately savings in time and money," said Robert Kiskaddon, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs at Pardee Hospital.

"Pardee Hospital is enthusiastically embracing the benefits of electronic health records and other forms of health IT. Pardee is currently using EHRs to improve patient care and is including EHRs in our strategy for the future by applying for the federal stimulus funds available to continue to support health information technology. Meaningful use of health information technology is in the best interest of patients, healthcare providers and



the nation,” said Harold Moore, Chief Information Officer – Facilities and Technology at Pardee Hospital.

Pardee Hospital’s EHR continues to become increasingly advanced as the latest technology is continually monitored and implemented. EHR allows patient records to be updated digitally and enables healthcare providers the access to up-to-the-minute, easy to read information that reduces repeated procedures, human error and costs.

[Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in [Henderson County](http://www.pardeehospital.org). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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