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**Subject:** *Shodair Children's Hospital Honored with Patient Safety and Quality Care Award*  
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(Helena) – Shodair Children's Hospital was recently presented Yellowstone Insurance Exchange, RRG's "2010 Jeff Martin Award for Excellence" in recognition of the facility's commitment to quality and patient safety processes in healthcare. The awards were presented during Yellowstone Insurance Exchange, RRG's annual conference, held July 11-13, 2011 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Hospitals were eligible for two types of Recognition Awards: The Jeff Martin Award for Excellence and the Silver Award for Quality. Member hospitals throughout Montana, Idaho, New Mexico, and Wyoming were eligible to apply for the awards. Criteria for the Jeff Martin Award for Excellence included implementation of patient safety practices, education of the hospital board, staff, and physicians, and performance on national quality of care standards.

Shodair earned the award through the facility's performance on specific national measures of healthcare quality and risk management. The award was presented by Mr. Doug McMillan, Chairperson of Yellowstone Insurance Exchange, RRG, and Ms. Sheryl Rickard, Risk Management Chairperson, to Shodair Children's Hospital Administrator Jack Casey, and Director of Management Services Ellen Livers. Coordinator of the Recognition Award Program at Yellowstone Insurance, Lynne Evans, RN, CPHRM, said, "Improving patient safety is a high priority at our member hospitals, and this award recognizes those facilities such as Shodair, that were willing to take extra steps to ensure that patient safety processes were in place."

Shodair Children's Hospital provides acute and residential psychiatric care for Montana children and adolescents, and clinical and laboratory medical genetic services to people of all ages. Shodair is a non-profit, non-denominational facility and the state's only Children's Miracle Network hospital.

Yellowstone Insurance Exchange, RRG, is a member-owned insurance company, providing professional liability insurance to member hospitals, and is endorsed by the Montana Healthcare Association and the Wyoming, Idaho, and New Mexico Hospital Associations.

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