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RUSSELL D. HARRINGTON JR. TO RECEIVE AHA BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

WASHINGTON (April 2, 2014) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Russ Harrington, president and CEO, Baptist Health in Little Rock, Ark. will be awarded its 2014 Board of Trustees Award. The award is presented to individuals or groups who have made substantial and noteworthy contributions to the work of the AHA. Harrington will receive the award at a ceremony at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, May 5 in Washington, D.C.

“Russ has been diligent in his efforts to promote better public health and has worked tirelessly on behalf of hospitals,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “His involvement in policy and leadership programs for the American Hospital Association spans more than 25 years and the AHA is honored to recognize Russ’ contributions to the AHA with the Board of Trustees Award.”

Harrington has demonstrated significant leadership within the AHA, most recently serving on the 2013 Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital Advisory Group. He has also served on the Task Force on Delivery System Fragmentation, the Section for Health Care Systems Governing Council, the Strategic Planning/Policy Committee and the Institutional Practices Committee, and has been a long-standing delegate to Regional Policy Board 7.

He has served in his role as president and CEO of Baptist Health since 1984. Prior to that, he served the eight-hospital system in several capacities as associate executive director of Baptist Health, administrator of Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock and executive director of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

An influential force in promoting better health, Harrington worked on modernizing state tort laws, prohibiting smoking on hospital campuses, ensuring fairness in Medicaid coverage and helping create protection and services to children born with illegal substances in their blood.

Harrington is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a board member of the Baptist Health Foundation. He chaired the Arkansas Hospital Association board from 1992 to 1993 and received the state association's 2001 A. Allen Weintraub award.

Daniel Sisto, former president, Healthcare Association of New York State will also receive the 2014 Board of Trustees Award.

About the American Hospital Association

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information visit the website at www.aha.org.

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