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CEP America begins emergency department partnership with Stevens Hospital of Edmonds, Washington

Emeryville, CA - CEP America, one of the nation's largest providers of emergency department (ED) management and staffing solutions, has announced the addition of Stevens Hospital in Edmonds, Washington to its growing partnership of hospital emergency departments in the Pacific Northwest.

The signed contract takes effect on July 1, 2009 and is a continuation of CEP America's business success during the first quarter of 2009. Along with Stevens Hospital, CEP America also began a new contract on January 1 with the emergency department of MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Illinois.

Stevens becomes CEP America's third hospital partner in the Northwest, joining Oregon's Adventist Medical Center in Portland and Mercy Medical Center in Roseville. All of the current ED physicians at Stevens Hospital have agreed to stay on under CEP America management.

CEP America focuses solely on developing ED solutions for hospitals around the country. Utilizing CEP America's Rapid Medical Evaluation[®] (RME) program, the average time-to-provider wait at partner hospitals is 20 minutes below the national norm.

"All of us at CEP America are pleased to be partnering with Stevens Hospital," stated Wes Curry MD, Chief Executive officer of CEP America. "We look forward to providing our leadership, operational performance, and quality emergency services to the Puget Sound region."

Located approximately 15 miles north of Seattle, Stevens is a full service, 217 bed district hospital. In 2009, the facility received top five-star ratings for quality of joint replacement, treatment of stroke, and treatment of pneumonia from the nation's leading independent healthcare ratings company, HealthGrades. The hospital's ED is designated as a Level Four Trauma Center, employs eight emergency physicians, and treats more than 42,000 emergency patients annually.

"Our proven physician leadership and operational performance support the hospital's mission of providing the highest quality patient satisfaction" Curry continued. "We look forward to enhancing their efforts to remain the hospital of choice for the thousands of patients who seek emergency care at Stevens Hospital."

Founded in 1975, CEP America now provides emergency medical department management services for 62 hospitals in seven states including Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.