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**Governor Quinn Approves Senate Bill 3743**

**Hinsdale, IL** – RML Specialty Hospital is pleased to announce that on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, Governor Pat Quinn approved Senate Bill (SB) 3743 – requiring the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to create the Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Improvement Transfer Program. This Act (PA 096-1130) takes effect Friday, October 1, 2010.

With the approval of PA-096-1130, it increases accessibility to care in LTCHs which specialize in caring for patients who need ventilator treatment, wound care and who have medically complex conditions. PA-096-1130 is expected to not only improve health outcomes for seriously ill patients, but reduce Medicaid spending by almost \$10 million annually.

“Considering the benefits to patient outcomes and the projected cost-savings, establishing a program that would transfer patients who need really intense, extended care to a facility dedicated to caring for their specialized needs creates a win-win situation,” said State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont), the lead sponsor of the legislation.

“The approval of PA-096-1130 by Governor Quinn will allow RML Specialty Hospital to serve more patients and improve their quality of life,” said Jim Prister, President and Chief Executive Officer, RML Specialty Hospital. “Knowing that this program has been established to better serve the people of the State of Illinois is an exciting time for the staff at RML Specialty Hospital.”

Established in 1987, RML has over 20 years of experience treating mechanically ventilated patients, more than any other facility in the nation. With a location in Hinsdale and Chicago, RML Specialty Hospital has received multiple awards and recognition from the National Association of Long-term Care Hospitals for its innovative methodologies in treating patients with complex medical conditions.

RML Specialty Hospital operates 201 LTCH licensed beds and is committed to providing quality, compassionate care, and delivering highly effective and efficient services while supporting the vital needs of the communities it serves.

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*RML owns and operates two hospitals licensed in the State of Illinois and recognized by Medicare as long-term acute care hospitals (LTCHs). RML is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit limited partnership, whose limited partners are Loyola University Medical Center and Advocate Health*

*and Hospitals Corporation. RML's clinical focus is ventilator weaning (respiratory), complex medical, and wound services. Patients treated at RML are referred from approximately 65 hospitals in Illinois.*

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