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## CMS Names ACC's NCDR Qualified Registry for 2008 PQRI

Washington, DC (8/28/08) – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced yesterday that the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR<sup>®</sup>) has qualified to submit aggregate data for the 2008 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI). The CMS announcement is the first time an alternative mechanism to claims-based data has been authorized for reporting for PQRI since the program's launch.

As a result of the announcement, physicians whose patient data is captured as part of the NCDR's new IC<sup>3</sup> Program<sup>®</sup> can request that the NCDR report on their behalf to meet CMS 2008 PQRI requirements. IC<sup>3</sup> Program is the first office-based registry designed to provide physicians with the most current, nationally-recognized best practices for cardiac care.

"We are thrilled to learn of the CMS announcement. Data reporting is a key step in reforming our health care system and ensuring quality, patient-centered care," said ACC CEO Jack Lewin, M.D. "The ACC's IC<sup>3</sup> Program is the latest step in our efforts to bring evidence-based clinical care into everyday practice. We commend CMS for recognizing IC<sup>3</sup>, and registry reporting in general, as a means of improving outcomes for patients."

The ACC's National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR<sup>®</sup>) is the nation's premiere quality measurement program for cardiac and vascular facilities and the gold standard for cardiac data collection, reporting and benchmarking. The IC<sup>3</sup> Program supports strategies to optimize outcomes for cardiac patients in the outpatient setting; creating a platform for innovative ways to support making the right treatment decisions for patients; improve doctor-patient communication and coordination of care; and facilitate practice-level reporting for Performance Measures. The NCDR currently is not providing physician reports from any of the hospital-based registries (i.e. ACTION Registry<sup>®</sup>-GWTG<sup>™</sup>, CARE Registry<sup>®</sup>, CathPCI Registry<sup>®</sup>, ICD Registry) for PQRI in 2008.