



RHAP Methodology

To be eligible for the 2005 Rural Hospital Award Program (RHAP), hospitals submitted at least two quarters of data in the RHAP reporting period (July 2003 through June 2004) and began participating in the national Hospital Quality Alliance prior to the end of the RHAP data submission period (November 15, 2004).

HSAG used the Achievable Benchmark of Care (ABC) Methodology, developed by the University of Alabama—Birmingham, to rate all Arizona hospitals on the care provided to their pneumonia patients from July 2003 through June 2004. Pneumonia care was defined as the combined performance achieved across all eight national CMS quality indicators. A total of five hospitals (three rural and two urban) exceeded the established ABC criteria (at the 25 percent level) for the 2005 award.

Award winners have achieved results that rank the hospitals among the top performers in Arizona, regardless of size or location. The Carter L. Marshall Rural Hospital Quality (CLM/RHQ) Award recipients for 2005 are:

- **Northern Cochise Community Hospital**
- **Page Hospital**
- **Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation**

