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**ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL HEART AND VASCULAR CENTER  
HAS RECEIVED UNITED HEALTHCARE'S THREE-STAR  
QUALITY DESIGNATION**

*BELLEVILLE, IL* – The Heart and Vascular Center at St. Elizabeth's Hospital has been upgraded to a "Three-Star Quality" designation by United Healthcare for the highest efficiency and cost-efficiency rankings in cardiac care.

To be considered for the designation, hospitals must complete a survey and submit outcomes data through the American College of Cardiology and/or the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. The Heart and Vascular Center scored 95 points out of 100 for its premium cardiac specialty.

"This distinction is a result of our commitment to quality outcomes and service here at St. Elizabeth's Hospital," stated Sue Beeler, Heart and Vascular Center Manager. "Our dedicated staff and Cardiologists here at St. Elizabeth's are always striving for excellence."

The United Health Premium® Specialty Centers designation program helps consumers make more informed choices in selecting high-quality cardiac facilities that are more cost-effective.

The Heart and Vascular Center at St. Elizabeth's Hospital is accredited by the Society of Chest Pain Centers and designated as a Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois.

**About St. Elizabeth's Hospital** St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. St. Elizabeth's Hospital provides over \$44 million of uncompensated benefits and services for the poor, elderly, disabled and broader community in general. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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