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**Day Kimball Hospital Recognized Providing More Affordable Care**

PUTNAM, CT – For the second year in a row, Aetna insurance has designated Day Kimball Hospital a *Choose and Save*<sup>SM</sup> hospital, based on specific criteria for clinical quality and efficient use of healthcare resources. This recognition acknowledges Day Kimball’s ability to deliver affordable healthcare services. For patients insured under Aetna health benefit plans that include the *Choose and Save* network feature, covered services at Day Kimball will be paid at the most preferred benefit level, meaning Aetna will pay a higher share of the cost.

“Day Kimball remains committed to expanding services and investing in technology to be the premier healthcare provider in Northeast Connecticut, and at the same time we are very mindful about controlling costs to employers and patients,” said Robert E. Smanik, FACHE, Day Kimball Healthcare president and CEO. “We are pleased that Aetna recognizes our efforts and applaud them for their work in evaluating hospitals to share this important information with their members.”

“We recognize Day Kimball for its history of providing services at a more affordable cost to Aetna as compared to other participating hospitals in the market,” said Martha Temple, president, Aetna New England Market. “Aetna members with plans that include the *Choose and Save* network option will receive the highest benefit or maximum savings when receiving care from Day Kimball Hospital.”

Aetna educates its members about the program and provides members with tools and resources to locate and estimate the cost of care before receiving services.

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, Putnam and Thompson, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern CT, Day Kimball HomeMakers and Day Kimball Physician Practices. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare’s comprehensive network offers more than 1,200 employees including nearly 300 highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is [daykimball.org](http://daykimball.org).