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### **CEP America begins an emergency department partnership with Beverly Hospital of Montebello, California**

Emeryville, CA – CEP America will begin providing emergency department (ED) management and staffing solutions for Beverly Hospital of Montebello, California, according to Wes Curry, MD, Chief Executive Officer of CEP America. The contract begins on July 1, 2009.

Beverly Hospital's Medical Director, Dr. Richard Garcia, is a strong supporter of this new partnership. "I look forward to Beverly Hospital becoming an integral part of CEP America," states Garcia. "I'm confident that merging our talented local physicians and CEP America's management support will prove to be a great combination."

CEP America, an emergency physician-owned partnership, will bring their expertise in developing and implementing ED programs that will increase clinical quality and service excellence to Beverly Hospital. Utilizing CEP America's proprietary Rapid Medical Evaluation® (RME) program, the average time-to-provider wait at partner hospitals is 20 minutes below the national average.

"We're really pleased to have this new opportunity in Southern California," Curry stated. "Dr. Garcia had worked with us in the past and is familiar with the value of CEP America's management services in improving the ED performance."

The current team of ED physicians at Beverly will remain largely intact as they transition to CEP America's management.

The 224-bed acute care, not-for-profit hospital, with about 32,000 ED visits per year, is located in the city of Montebello, just eight miles East of Los Angeles, California. The hospital also serves the neighboring communities of Pico Rivera, Monterey Park, El Monte, Whittier, and East Los Angeles.

For the past three consecutive years, Beverly has been recognized with the "Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence" by HealthGrades, and they're also ranked in the top 5% in the nation for Stroke Care Services and Pulmonary Care.