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**STEWARD HEALTH CARE TO HOST FIRST NATIONAL
“EMS STEWARDS OF THE COMMUNITY” AWARDS**
*Steward Now Accepting Nominations for Exceptional EMS Providers
along the Space Coast including Brevard and Indian River Counties*

Melbourne, Rockledge and Sebastian - FL (April 3, 2018) – In celebration of National Emergency Medical Service (EMS) week, Steward Health Care System will host its First National “EMS Stewards of the Community” Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 23 at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto.

Steward, which operates three local hospitals, including Melbourne Regional Medical Center, Rockledge Regional Medical Center and Sebastian River Medical Center, will recognize several Emergency Medical Services providers for going “above and beyond” in their interactions with patients at each of Steward’s community hospitals. To nominate an EMS provider in your community for an **“EMS Stewards of the Community” award**, visit <http://info.steward.org/emsaward2018-FL.html>. Nominations must be received by Friday, April 27, 2018.

“EMS providers are on the front lines of health care delivery, often helping patients when every second counts,” said Brenden Hayden, Director of EMS at Steward Health Care. “We encourage all members of the Steward family to nominate outstanding EMS providers in their community to thank them for their lifesaving work.”

The “EMS Stewards of the Community” awards show appreciation for emergency medical responders and dispatchers, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics who not only carry out the noble work of caring for others, but do so with a high degree of expertise, professionalism and compassion. An internal committee of physicians, nurses and EMS Managers will review nominations and select recipients for each of the Steward hospitals.

About Steward Health Care

Steward Health Care, the largest for-profit private hospital operator in the United States, is a physician-led health care services organization committed to providing the highest quality of care in the communities where patients live. Steward operates 39 community hospitals in the United States and the country of Malta, that regularly receive top awards for quality and safety. The company employs approximately 40,000 health care professionals. The Steward network includes more than 25 urgent care centers, 42 preferred skilled nursing facilities, substantial behavioral health services, over 7,300 beds under management, and approximately 1.5 million full risk covered lives through the company's managed care and health insurance services. The total number of paneled lives within Steward's integrated care network is projected to reach 3 million in 2018.

Steward's unique health care service delivery model leverages technology, innovation, and care coordination to keep patients healthier. With a culture that prioritizes agility, resourcefulness, and continuous improvement, Steward is recognized as one of the world's leading accountable care organizations. The Steward Health Care Network includes thousands of physicians who help to provide more than 12 million patient encounters per year. Steward Medical Group, the company's employed physician group, provides more than 4 million patient encounters per year. The Steward Hospital Group operates hospitals in Malta and states across the U.S. including Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Utah.

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