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Allan Erickson, MD Honored for Service in Health Care in Rhode Island

Warwick, RI – Allan Erickson, MD, former chief of staff of Providence VA Medical Center, was recently honored with the 2007 HARI Award for Public Service by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) at its annual Celebration of Excellence. The award traditionally honors individuals for remarkable contributions to health care issues in the state.

Dr. Erickson served veterans as a physician, educator, researcher and health care executive for over 31 years with the Veterans Health Administration. During that time, he consistently demonstrated his loyal commitment to providing quality care for veterans in an exemplary manner.

Dr. Erickson began his tenure at the Providence VA Medical Center in 1975, and over time his positions included associate chief and chief of the pulmonary disease section and chief of staff. In addition, he led an HIV clinic at the medical center, was an active pulmonologist, and functioned as a hospitalist, supervising medical house staff.

For most of his career, Dr. Erickson has served as a teacher of residents and medical students. He is currently an associate professor at Brown Medical School, and was responsible for creating the school's categorical residency program in internal medicine. He has twice been the recipient of the medical school's highest teaching award.

Dr. Erickson is a graduate of Stanford University and Columbia University. He is a resident of Providence.

Francis Dietz, president and CEO of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island was presented with the Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to the health care community.

The employees of the year from HARI's member hospitals were also recognized during the program.

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Pictures of the award recipients are available electronically by request.