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### **Deborah Armstrong, V.P. of Operations and COO of Rockdale Medical Center Earns Top Healthcare Management Credential**

**Conyers, GA** – Deborah Armstrong, FACHE, V.P. of Operations and COO of Rockdale Medical Center (RMC) recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation’s leading professional society for healthcare leaders.

“Because healthcare management ultimately affects the people in our communities, it is critically important to have a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization,” says Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE.” By becoming an ACHE Fellow and simultaneously earning board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders can show that they are committed to providing high-quality service to their patients and community.”

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. Armstrong is one of only 7,500 healthcare executives to hold this distinction. She is also the only FACHE certified employee at Rockdale Medical Center, where she has worked for seven years and has held an executive position for the past four years.

To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including: passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

Armstrong of Conyers, Georgia is privileged to use the FACHE credential, which signifies board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status.

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