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Marsha Prater, PhD, RN, Named to Illinois Center for Nursing's Advisory Board

SPRINGFIELD – Dr. Marsha Prater, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, senior vice president and chief nursing officer for Memorial Health System, has been appointed to the advisory board of the Illinois Center for Nursing.

Prater was appointed by Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn on June 25 to serve a term that ends on June 30, 2013.

Established in 2006, the Illinois Center for Nursing's mission is to advocate and ensure appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the citizens of Illinois.

The center's goals include serving as a liaison to interpret the impact of healthcare trends and professional nursing issues on the state's citizens, creating public awareness of the nursing shortage in Illinois, and developing recruitment strategies to stimulate continued attraction of diverse qualified applicants to the nursing profession.

Prater has been with Memorial since 1990. As senior vice president of patient care services, she oversees the integration of the philosophy, goals and objectives of Memorial Health System into the daily operations of the patient care delivery system across the continuum of care.

Prater received her bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing and her master's and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University. She is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and holds certification as a nurse executive advanced-board certified from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She is also a member of several professional nursing and healthcare leadership organizations.

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