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Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Health Information Management Team, from left, Jennifer Smoot, HIM Director Marsha Howton, Marie Hicks, Korina Kerby and Amy Huitt are shown with SMMC Chief Financial Officer Jack Montois and Barbara Ramirez from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

News from SMMC:

HIM team wins award

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For the second straight year, the team providing Health Information Management (HIM) services for Scenic Mountain Medical Center has earned a distinctive honor from the Texas Attorney General's Office of Vital Statistics.

The Five Star Award recognizes excellence in the timeliness and accuracy in the registration of birth records and in the establishment of paternity. SMMC was one of only 17 hospitals state wide to receive the award for 2010, according to

the AG's office.

Get with the guidelines



Miramontes

SMMC Chief Quality Officer Amy Miramontes, reports that the American Heart Association (AHA) has recognized SMMC as a participating hospital in their Get With The Guidelines quality program for heart failure.

According to the AHA website, this program "puts the expertise of the American Heart Association to work for hospital

teams, helping to ensure that the care they provide to heart failure patients is aligned with the latest scientific guidelines.

"Get With The Guidelines-Heart Failure helps maximize continuing quality of life for heart failure patients and their families through improved outcomes and fewer recurring events."

Miramontes notes that, "In the coming year, SMMC will continue to track our program performance and to pinpoint areas for improvement."

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