



## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:  
June 18, 2008

For More Information, Contact:  
Amy Eberle, State Trauma Coordinator  
North Dakota Department of Health  
Division of Emergency Medical Services  
Phone: 701.328.1026  
E-mail: [aeberle@nd.gov](mailto:aeberle@nd.gov)

### **State Health Department Certifies Three North Dakota Hospitals as Level IV and V Trauma Centers**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced the certification of three hospitals as Level IV and V trauma centers, according to Amy Eberle, state trauma coordinator for the Department of Health. The Level IV trauma centers are Sakakawea Medical Center, Hazen; and Mercy Medical Center, Williston. The Level V trauma center is Hillsboro Medical Center, Hillsboro.

To receive a Level I, II or III designation, a hospital is visited by an American College of Surgeons site review team, after which the Department of Health is notified whether the hospital passed the site review. To receive a Level IV or V designation, a hospital is visited by a state trauma site review team, which reports to the State Trauma Committee. The Committee reviews the site visit report, determines the hospital's designation, and reports to the Department of Health.

Level I through V trauma centers must be able to accept and provide services to major trauma patients. North Dakota currently has six level II, one level III, 21 Level IV and 12 Level V trauma centers, which must seek renewal of the designation every one to three years.

For more information, contact Amy Eberle, state trauma coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.1026.

-- 30 --

*Please note: To access archived news releases and other information, visit the North Dakota Department of Health Press Room at [www.nddohpressroom.gov](http://www.nddohpressroom.gov).*