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## **Caregivers at Ebola Treatment Facilities Receive Maryland Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award**

**Baltimore, Md.** – Caregivers at the three hospitals designated as Maryland's Ebola treatment centers, along with those at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, have been given the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) highest honor: the Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented during MHA's Annual Membership Meeting June 1-2 at the Four Seasons Baltimore.

During the Ebola scare in the past year, these caregivers epitomized what it means to serve others in the health care field. Their bravery, selflessness and compassion in the face of a deadly epidemic are the reasons for their award. You can hear from them directly in a [video](#) that honors their work.

The award states, in part: "In recognition of the bravery, dedication and compassion demonstrated by those who accepted the challenge of being trained and ready to provide care at a moment's notice for potential Ebola patients. This selfless concern for those in need, along with the willingness to risk their own well-being in order to provide care under possibly dangerous and dramatic circumstances, reflect the best values of all those who have chosen to spend their lives and careers in health care."

Caregivers at the following institutions received the award: The Johns Hopkins Hospital, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, University of Maryland Medical Center, and the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center.

"The women and men who stepped up to confront this deadly illness demonstrate the very best qualities of what it means to be a caregiver," said Carmela Coyle, MHA president & CEO. "This is the reason health care workers do what they do — to tend to those in need, no matter what the circumstances."

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### **About the Maryland Hospital Association**

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