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MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGIONAL REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM JOINT COMMISSION

Prescott Valley, Arizona – By demonstrating compliance with the Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Mountain Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital (MVRRH) has earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™.

The Joint Commission conducted an on-site evaluation of MVRRH on December 4, 5 and 6. The award of accreditation recognizes Mountain Valley's dedication to complying with the Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis.

"We sought accreditation for our organization because we want to demonstrate our commitment to patients and to the community as one of safety and quality care," says Kelly Silberschlag, CEO. "We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward achieving excellence."

Darlene Christiansen, executive director, Hospital Accreditation Program, Joint Commission said, "Above all, these national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care. The community should be proud that Mountain Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital is focusing on the most challenging goal -- to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support

performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long-term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

Kelly Silberschlag, CEO at Mountain Valley Regional Rehabilitation Hospital spoke of her pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by the Joint Commission.

"In addition, they appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the surveyor," Silberschlag said.

She called the accreditation, "proof of an organization-wide commitment to provide quality care on an ongoing basis."

MVRRH accepted its first patients in June and is the only hospital of its kind north of the metro Phoenix area, providing inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services to patients with functional deficits as a result of illness or debilitating injury such as stroke, amputation, brain injury, spinal cord injury, hip fracture or multiple trauma.

The facility features 40 patient beds, a 6,000 square foot therapy gym equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, an aquatic therapy pool, outdoor therapy courtyard, and the latest technology for acute rehabilitation services.

"MVRRH employs a staff of over 100, which is expected to grow to 150 as the hospital swings into full operation," said Ms. Silberschlag, and she expressed her belief in that it is the staff

that really makes the difference in providing acute rehabilitative services to the community.

“Our team members are not only highly qualified and experienced in their fields of expertise, but they are passionate caregivers as well,” Silberschlag said. “There has been a lot of excitement about opening our hospital and serving the needs of our community.”

In addition to MVRRH’s recent JCAHO Accreditation, in July, the Arizona Department of Health established that MVRRH had met all the requirements for licensing and certification of a brand new hospital enabling MVRRH to become a licensed Medicare facility.

MVRRH is part of a network of post-acute care facilities operated by Ernest Health, Inc., (EHI) an Albuquerque, New Mexico based healthcare provider specializing in the development and operation of rehabilitation and related post-acute healthcare facilities in rural and under-served areas. EHI operates other facilities in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Idaho and has a facility under construction in Utah plus several others in the planning stages in the western regions of the United States.

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