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### **Community Hospital Awarded Diabetes Center of Excellence Accreditation from The Joint Commission**

Mesa County, CO. – Community Hospital has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Diabetes Center of Excellence Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization’s commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Community Hospital’s diabetes program underwent a rigorous review on November 17, 2020, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the review, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Community Hospital’s diabetes education program standards spanning several areas including environment of care, leadership, medication management, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

The Joint Commission’s standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

“As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible,” says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. “We commend Community Hospital for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care.”

“This prestigious accreditation illustrates the commitment of Community Hospital as a provider of evidence-based practice, best practice, and key standards in the care of diabetic patients,” said Joseph Gerardi, chief operating officer/chief nursing officer for Community Hospital. “A great deal of work went into this very important designation and we are extremely proud of our staff for their dedication to our patients to ensure we are providing the very best health care possible,” added Gerardi.

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