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Roseland Community Hospital AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Chicago, September 19, 2013 – Roseland Community Hospital has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety in laboratories. The accreditation award recognizes Roseland Community Hospital’s dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards.

Roseland Community Hospital underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey in July, 2013. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated the RCH Laboratory for compliance with standards of care that directly affect the quality and safety of diagnostic services and patient care.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, Roseland Community Hospital has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients," says Jennifer Rhamy, M.B.A., M.A., M.T. (ASCP) SBB, HP, Executive Director, Laboratory Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend Roseland Community Hospital for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

"Our Roseland family is beginning a revitalized effort on the quality journey," RCH President and Chief Restructuring Officer Tim Egan said. "For our organization, achieving Joint Commission accreditation is a major step toward maintaining excellence and continually improving the care we provide."

The Joint Commission has been evaluating and accrediting laboratory services since 1979. Today, The Joint Commission accredits almost 2,000 organizations providing laboratory services. This represents almost 3,000 Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment certificate laboratories, including independent reference labs and in vitro fertilization labs, and those connected with other health care organizations such as hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and long-term care facilities.

The Joint Commission’s laboratory standards emphasize the results a laboratory should achieve instead of emphasizing the technical methods of performing testing, and were developed with input from professional laboratory organizations.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

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