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SOUTH TEXAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Jourdanton, TX – By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, South Texas Regional Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of South Texas Regional Medical Center occurred in November of 2009.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," says Mark Pelletier, R.N., M.S., executive director, Hospital Programs, Accreditation and Certification Services, The Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that South Texas Regional Medical Center is focusing on the most challenging goal -- to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

Jim Resendez, chief executive officer of STRMC spoke of his 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 team of surveyors."

Rita Castillo, chief quality officer at STRMC called the accreditation, "proof of an organization-wide commitment to provide quality care on an ongoing basis."

South Texas Regional Medical Center, a full-service facility, operates 67 licensed beds in the Atascosa County. STRMC employs more than 350 professionals and has been providing quality healthcare services to Atascosa County and surrounding communities since 1957. For more information about South Texas Regional Medical Center's service lines, physicians or specialties, please visit www.strmc.com.



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