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HALIFAX REGIONAL RECEIVES GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL *Medical Center Reaccredited*

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (January 19, 2010)—The Joint Commission has awarded its “Gold Seal of Approval” to Halifax Regional by reaccrediting the Medical Center for three years.

Representatives of the Commission conducted an unannounced on-site survey of Halifax Regional in July to evaluate the quality and safety of care provided patients at the Medical Center. The survey is an independent review of the actual delivery of services to patients. The reaccreditation announcement was made this week.

“Accreditation reflects Halifax Regional’s commitment to providing safe, high quality care and to continuous improvement,” said Will Mahone, president.

“Being reaccredited demonstrates that Halifax Regional meets rigorous national standards continuously,” Mahone added. “It sends a strong statement to our community about our effort to provide the highest quality services.”

Mahone credited a team of employees which reviewed all aspects of clinical care to prepare for the Joint Commission survey. “Our team worked together to show that the highest standards of quality of care and patient safety are top priorities at Halifax Regional,” he added. “I am delighted to congratulate our team for this significant achievement.

“Our staff and physicians demonstrate their commitment to “Patients First” in every action each of them takes every day at the Medical Center,” Mahone said. “Halifax Regional is a source of pride for our community.”

The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest accrediting body in health care, evaluating more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs.

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About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204-beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.us.