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### **HALIFAX REGIONAL AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

Roanoke Rapids, December 4, 2012—Halifax Regional 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 hospitals. The accreditation award recognizes Halifax Regional’s dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards.

Halifax Regional underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey on July 9-11, 2012. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated Halifax Regional for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management. The Joint Commission granted Halifax Regional Accredited status effective July 12, 2012. The accreditation is valid for up to 36 months.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, Halifax Regional Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients," says Mark Pelletier, R.N., M.S., executive director, Hospital Programs, Accreditation and Certification Services, The Joint Commission. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend Halifax Regional Medical Center for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

"With Joint Commission accreditation, we are making a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis in many areas. Joint Commission accreditation provides us a framework to take our organization to the next level in making process improvements and helps create a culture of excellence," says Will Mahone, president, Halifax Regional. "Achieving Joint Commission accreditation, for our organization, is a major step toward maintaining excellence and continually improving the care we provide."

The Joint Commission’s hospital standards address important functions relating to the care of patients and the management of hospitals. The standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.

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#### About The Joint Commission

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. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 10,300 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,500 other health care organizations that provide long term care, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission currently certifies more than 2,000 disease-specific care programs, focused on the care of patients with chronic illnesses such as stroke, joint replacement, stroke rehabilitation, heart failure and many others. The Joint Commission also provides health care staffing services certification for more than 750 staffing offices. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

### 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.org](http://www.halifaxregional.org).