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BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER EARNS JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION

Bothwell Regional Health Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with national standards for health-care quality and safety. The accreditation award recognizes Bothwell's dedication to continuous commitment best practices in the health-care industry.

Bothwell officials were notified July 26 that the organization received full, three-year accreditation. The accreditation includes the hospital, Bothwell Home Health/Hospice, Bothwell Medical Equipment, the Laboratory, Bothwell Health Center - Truman Lake, Bothwell OB/GYN Associates, Bothwell Diagnostic Center, the Sleep Centers in Sedalia and Warsaw, and the Cole Camp Clinic.

Accreditation is a voluntary process. Bothwell Regional Health Center underwent a rigorous, unannounced on-site survey in May. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated the health center for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, medication management, and leadership.

In achieving accreditation, Bothwell has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients, according to John Dawes, president and CEO.

"Joint Commission accreditation is important to our community and to our organization because it serves as independent verification of the quality of care we deliver and our adherence to the best practices in health care," Dawes said. "This was truly a team effort – from our volunteers to our staff at each location to the team who spent time with the surveyors when they visited in May."

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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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 140-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services is available on the website at www.brhc.org.

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