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**AMMC MAINTAINS “GOLD SEAL” ACCREDITATION
BY JOINT COMMISSION**

PARAGOULD, AR – Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) has once again received the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization’s (JCAHO) Gold Seal of Approval™ for continuously providing safe, high quality care, treatment and services to patients.

The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 healthcare organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation’s predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in healthcare. JCAHO accreditation is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects a healthcare organization’s commitment to meeting certain performance standards. To earn and maintain the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval, an organization must undergo an on-site survey by a JCAHO team at least every three years.

“At AMMC, we remain committed to providing world-class, quality healthcare to all our patients. The Joint Commission’s Goal Seal accreditation ensures that we are meeting the highest standards of safety, quality care and service,” said Lana Williams, RN, Director of Quality.

AMMC received accreditation of all services related to hospitals and home care. The accreditation is valid for 39 months.

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, Paragould is a 129-bed, fully JCAHO accredited, not-for-profit medical center. AMMC has touched thousands of lives since 1949 as a Beacon of Health, Hope and Healing. Additional AMMC information is available at www.arkansasmethodist.org.

