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THE HILLS TREATMENT CENTER ACHIEVES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

(Los Angeles, CA – 12/01/17) – The Hills Treatment Center today announced it has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for [Behavioral Health Care Accreditation](#) by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to providing safe and effective care.

The Hills underwent a rigorous onsite survey in November. During the review, compliance with behavioral health care standards related to several areas, including care, treatment, and services; environment of care; leadership; and screening procedures for the early detection of imminent harm was evaluated. Onsite observations and interviews also were conducted.

Established in 1969, The Joint Commission’s Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program currently accredits more than 2,250 organizations for a three-year period. Accredited organizations provide treatment and services within a variety of settings across the care continuum for individuals who have mental health, addiction, eating disorder, intellectual/developmental disability, and/or child-welfare related needs.

“Joint Commission accreditation provides behavioral health care organizations with the processes needed to improve in a variety of areas related to the care of individuals and their families,” said Julia Finken, RN, BSN, MBA, CSSBB, CPHQ, executive director, Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. “We commend The Hills for its efforts to elevate the standard of care it provides and to instill confidence in the community it serves.”

“We are thrilled to receive Behavioral Health Care Accreditation from The Joint Commission, because it is the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation,” added CEO and Founder Dr. Howard Samuels. “Our staff has always worked hard to develop and implement approaches and strategies that have the potential to improve care for those in our community, and I am extremely proud to have them as my own.”

The Joint Commission's behavioral health care standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, quality improvement measurement experts, and individuals and their families. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

The Joint Commission

Founded in 1951, [The Joint Commission](http://www.jointcommission.org) 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 accredits and certifies more than 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit 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.