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Community Healthcare Network Awarded Accreditation from the Joint Commission

New York, NY – Community Healthcare Network (CHN), by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety, has earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™.

“Receiving the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™ supports Community Healthcare Network’s commitment to providing the highest quality care to our patients regardless of ability to pay,” said Catherine M. Abate, CHN president and CEO. “It’s an honor to be recognized for our dedication to excellence.”

“Accreditation by The Joint Commission sets Community Healthcare Network apart,” says Michael Kulczycki, executive director, Ambulatory Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. “Organizations awarded this Gold Seal of Approval™ dedicate themselves to continuous operational improvement.”

The Joint Commission conducted an announced, on-site evaluation of CHN in November 2007. The accreditation award recognizes CHN’s dedication to complying with the Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

About CHN:

Community Healthcare Network (CHN) is a not-for-profit organization providing access to affordable, culturally-competent and comprehensive community-based primary care, mental health and social services for diverse populations in underserved communities throughout New York City. CHN serves more than 65,000 individuals a year who would otherwise have little or no access to critical health care. CHN is composed of eight centers, one mobile health unit, and satellite clinic at Brooklyn’s Red Hook Community Justice Center. To learn more about CHN visit our website at www.chnnyc.org.

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