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Springhill Medical Center AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Springhill, Louisiana, August 1, 2007 – By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Springhill Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Springhill Medical Center occurred in July.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," says Darlene Christiansen, executive director, Hospital Accreditation Program, Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that (name of organization) is focusing on the most challenging goal -- to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

Raymond Robertson, Chairman of the Board spoke of his pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by The Joint Commission. "In addition, they appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors."

Robertson called the accreditation, "proof of an organization-wide commitment to provide quality care on an ongoing basis."

Springhill Medical Center is a 60 bed acute/surgical/geriatric psychiatric not-for-profit hospital that owns the largest rural health clinic in Louisiana along with two other clinics, one located in Plain Dealing and the other in the North Webster Industrial Park. Springhill Medical Center has been in service since 1959 when Dr. Sam Holladay and Dr. Marvin Soileau first opened a hospital in downtown Springhill. For more on Springhill Medical Center go to www.smccare.com.

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