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GERBER MEMORIAL HEALTH SERVICES (GMHS)  
AWARDED CERTIFICATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Fremont, Michigan – Gerber Memorial Hospital and the GMHS Continu-Care Home Health Agency have earned the Gold Seal of Approval™ for health care quality and safety, and have been granted accreditation status by the Joint Commission, a national agency that surveys health care organizations.

To earn this distinction, a hospital undergoes an extensive, unannounced, on-site evaluation by a team of Joint Commission reviewers every three years (two years for the GMHS Lab). The hospital is evaluated against Joint Commission standards through an assessment of a Hospital’s processes, the Hospital’s ability to evaluate and improve care within its own organization, and interviews with patients and staff.

“This certification means Gerber Memorial does the right things and does them well for its hospital and home care patients,” says Jean E. Range, M.S., R.N., C.P.H.Q., executive director, Disease-Specific Care Certification, Joint Commission.

“GMHS voluntarily pursued this comprehensive, independent evaluation to enhance the safety and quality of care we provide,” says Barb Wainright, Director of Quality Management at GMHS. “We’re proud to achieve this distinction through the dedication and hard work – daily – of our staff and physicians.”

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 evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit 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](http://www.jointcommission.org).