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## **Centinela Hospital Medical Center Awarded Full Accreditation from the Joint Commission**

INGLEWOOD, Calif. April 30, 2008 – [Centinela Hospital Medical Center](#) has earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™. By demonstrating compliance with Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety, Centinela Hospital Medical Center has been awarded its full accreditation.

The Joint Commission conducted an unannounced, on-site evaluation of Centinela Hospital Medical Center on April 29, 2008. Following a rigorous survey, Joint Commission found that the hospital had zero deficiencies out of approximately 1300 elements for performance. Joint Commission awarded a full accreditation of the hospital for complying with the state-of-the-art patient care and safety standards established by the nation’s leading healthcare accreditation agency.

“Centinela Hospital Medical Center is creating new benchmarks for quality healthcare for the Inglewood community in a very short period” said Prem Reddy, MD, FACC, FCCP, Chairman of the Board for Prime Healthcare Services. “We welcome the Joint Commission’s accreditation as a strong statement of our commitment and efforts in improving the patient care quality and safety,” continued Dr. Prem Reddy, “We sincerely thank all the physicians, nurses and employees of Centinela Hospital Medical Center for achieving this coveted recognition”.

“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 Dr. Ernest Agatstein, Chief of Medical Staff for Centinela Hospital Medical Center. “The community should be proud that Centinela Hospital Medical Center is focusing on the most challenging goal -- to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels.”

“We have set higher quality standards, improved operational efficiencies and invested millions of dollars in the state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure improvements at Centinela Hospital Medical Center

over the past six months,” says Von Crockett, President and CEO of the hospital. “Full accreditation by the Joint Commission reassures the community that our organization provides the highest quality of patient care to the residents of Inglewood and communities of South Los Angeles.”

*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. 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. Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, 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.*

*For over 20 years, Centinela Hospital Medical Center has been serving the communities of Inglewood and Los Angeles. Centinela Hospital Medical Center is a 369-bed acute care hospital, most well known as having been the official hospital to the LA Lakers, Clippers, Dodgers, and Galaxy. Centinela Hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services and is actively involved in improving its community's health with a full-range of services designed to meet the needs of the surrounding community. For more information visit [www.centinelamed.com](http://www.centinelamed.com)*

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