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## **AnMed Health earns ‘Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®’ Recognition from The Joint Commission**

(Anderson, S.C. – Nov. 13, 2014) – AnMed Health been recognized as a 2013 *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States. AnMed Health was recognized as part of The Joint Commission’s 2014 annual report “*America’s Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety*,” for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

The *Top Performer* program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children’s asthma, stroke, venous thromboembolism and perinatal care, as well as for inpatient psychiatric services and immunizations.

To be a 2013 *Top Performer*, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2013 accountability measure data, including:

- Achieving cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieving performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there were at least 30 denominator cases; and

- Having at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and (within that measure set) all applicable individual accountability measures had a performance rate of 95 percent or above.

“Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of AnMed Health for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions,” said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

“We understand what matters most to patients at AnMed Health is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes,” said Dr. Thomas Kayrouz, AnMed Health vice president for Medical Affairs. “We are proud to be named a *Top Performer* as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff.”

For more information about the *Top Performer* program, visit

[http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top\\_performers.aspx](http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx).

*AnMed Health is a 690-bed, not-for-profit health system serving the Upstate and northeast Georgia. The system is anchored by AnMed Health Medical Center, a 461-bed acute care hospital. AnMed Health also has a satellite North Campus which includes the AnMed Health Women’s and Children’s Hospital, the AnMed Health Rehabilitation Hospital, a comprehensive Cancer Center, physician offices and the Cardiac and Orthopedic Center. AnMed Health is a Magnet® hospital, the highest recognition in nursing. Cannon Memorial Hospital, located in Pickens, S.C., is the most recent addition to the four-hospital system. The health system’s network also includes affiliations with Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton, Ga. and Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte. With roughly 500 physicians and more than 3,600 employees, AnMed Health is Anderson County’s largest employer. Learn more about us online at [www.AnMedHealth.org](http://www.AnMedHealth.org).*

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