JACKSON, Miss. – Holmes County Hospital has earned accreditation from The Joint Commission by demonstrating compliance with the organization's national standards for health-care quality and safety in hospitals.

HCHC underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey in March. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated the hospital for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

“Accreditation demonstrates commitment of our staff to continuous improvement to deliver safe, high-quality care to the citizens of Holmes County and surrounding areas,” said Phillip Grady, HCHC administrator.

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