



WHITTIER STREET HEALTH CENTER

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Whittier Street Health Center Awarded Accreditation from the Joint Commission

Boston, February 29, 2008 – By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Whittier Street Health Center has earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™.

"Achieving accreditation demonstrates Whittier Street Health Center has voluntarily sought an independent evaluation of its compliance with state-of-the-art performance standards," says Michael Kulczycki, executive director, Ambulatory Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission.

"Whittier Street Health Center has been in existence for 75 years and we maintain our commitment to high quality health care. We seek accreditation for our organization because we want to be the best," says Frederica Williams, President and CEO. "We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward excellence."

"Our staff is very supportive of the process. It gives them a feeling of prestige to work in an accredited organization," says Ms. Williams. "They also appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with The Joint Commission surveyors."

An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Since 1975, The Joint Commission has developed state-of-the-art standards for outpatient ambulatory care organizations. Nearly 1,200 freestanding ambulatory care organizations maintain Joint Commission accreditation.

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