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### **Eleanor Slater Hospital reaccredited by Joint Commission**

**(Jan. 10, 2024)** — Eleanor Slater Hospital has been reaccredited by the Joint Commission, following a survey and inspections that found the hospital to be in compliance with all standards for acute care hospitals.

Joint Commission surveyors assessed the hospital's performance in 18 areas, including nursing services; provision of care, treatment and services; and national patient safety goals.

"Many thanks are due to Eleanor Slater staff for all they did to make this review successful," **said Brett Johnson, the hospital's CEO.** "This survey showcased our patient-centered care and our culture of safety, as surveyors combed through hospital and patient records and commented on our passionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated staff. The surveyors noted our individualized care, careful record keeping and attention to the human beings and not just the illnesses. They also noted our commitment to rebuilding Eleanor Slater Hospital. I thank our staff for their professionalism and for making a positive impact during the survey and every day."

"Under Governor McKee, and in partnership with the General Assembly and agencies across state government, Rhode Island has made additional investments at Eleanor Slater Hospital to ensure patient and staff safety, record keeping and building upkeep," **said Richard Charest, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.** "These actions, along with the hard work, dedication, and patient care provided by the amazing team at Eleanor Slater Hospital, positively impacted the hospital's reaccreditation with the Joint Commission."

The accreditation decision is retroactive to Sept. 23, 2023. The next triennial Joint Commission review of Eleanor Slater, a state-run hospital that treats patients with acute and long-term medical illnesses, as well as patients with mental health conditions, is expected in 2026.

"Eleanor Slater Hospital has come a long way, and this survey demonstrates the knowledge and dedication of our staff," **said Dr. Louis Cerbo, Interim Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.** "We appreciate their hard work, and the work of others, including the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, for helping to ensure a successful review."

The State is investing more than \$35 million renovations that are expected to begin this spring at Eleanor Slater Hospital's Regan facility in Cranston. The State is also procuring an electronic medical records system for the hospital, and longer-term plans call for construction of a new facility on the Zambarano campus in Burrillville.

The Joint Commission is an independent, nonprofit organization that accredits and certifies more than 20,000 healthcare organizations and programs in the United States.

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