

# Morris Heights Health recognized as a leader in community health

**By India Dansby**

Morris Heights Health Center has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Ambulatory Care Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization’s commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

MHHC underwent a rigorous, unannounced week-long onsite review from July 13th-16th. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Ambulatory Care standards spanning several areas including environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

The Joint Commission’s standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and in-

terviews. “As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with

those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible,” says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. “We commend Morris Heights Health Center for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care.”

“Morris Heights Health Center is proud

to receive this recognition,” says President & CEO Mari G. Millet. “Achieving this re-accreditation reflects our commitment to excellence and reassures our patients that we are continuing to provide the highest quality of care and patient safety to the communities in which we serve.

In the same week, MHHC also received news that they were awarded the 2021 Silver Tier Community Health Quality Lead-

ers Recognition from the Health Resources and Services Administration for its notable quality improvement achievements in the areas of access, quality, health equity, and health information technology.

To learn more about the services offered at MHHC, please visit [www.mhhc.org](http://www.mhhc.org).

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