



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ACCREDITED BY *THE JOINT COMMISSION*

The Joint Commission accreditation is a rigorous and objective evaluation process that helps healthcare organizations measure, assess, and improve performance to ensure safe, high-quality patient care, and it's a widely recognized symbol of quality and patient safety.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

- **What it is:**

The Joint Commission (TJC) is a non-profit organization that accredits healthcare organizations and programs in the United States, focusing on improving patient safety and quality of care.

- **Why it's important:**

Accreditation demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement and reassures patients and their families that they will receive high-quality care.

- **Accreditation Process:**

- **Standards:** The Joint Commission has specific standards and quality measures for holding healthcare organizations accountable to protect the public's safety.
- **Survey:** The accreditation process involves an unannounced survey of the organization's processes and functions to assess compliance with standards.
- **Evaluation:** The survey is designed to be individualized to each organization, to be consistent, and to support the organization's efforts to improve performance.

- **Accreditation Decisions:** The scoring and decision process is based on an evaluation of compliance with Joint Commission standards and other requirements.
- **Benefits of Accreditation:**
 - **Quality Assurance:** Reassures patients and their families that they will receive high-quality care.
 - **Patient Safety:** Reduces the risk of medical errors, infections, and other adverse events.
 - **Regulatory Compliance:** May fulfill regulatory requirements in select states.
 - **Reimbursement and Quality Recognitions:** Select states, insurers and payers trust Joint Commission hospital accreditation as a quality metric to allow payment approval, network participation and contract or licensure eligibility.

- **The Gold Seal of Approval:**

After earning their accreditation award, health care organizations are eligible to display The Gold Seal of Approval®, a widely recognized symbol of quality and patient safety.

- **Who can be accredited:**

Joint Commission accreditation can be earned by many types of health care organizations across the continuum of care, including hospitals, doctor's offices, nursing homes, office-based surgery centers, laboratories, behavioral health treatment facilities, and providers of home care services.

In conclusion, as a recipient of **The Joint Commission's Gold Seal Approval** as an **Ambulatory Health Care**, we are here for you, committed to providing you with excellent care and support, with the emphasis of a patient-centered approach for most of your medical needs. We are looking forward to seeing you!