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Joint Commission
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

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Dear Dr. Baird:

The Joint Commission is pleased to award accreditation to your organization as a result of your most recent survey, subject to the contingencies outlined in the attached report. This achievement reflects the efforts of your organization to provide high quality care for those you serve.

This accreditation is effective for three years from May 6, 1989.

The enclosed survey report also includes recommendations intended to assist you in continuing to achieve this goal. If this report and its recommendations are unclear in any way, please contact us for clarification.

We direct your attention to several important Joint Commission policies. First, except as required by law, your accreditation report is confidential. You may, however, choose to make it available to the various publics you serve or others. Second, Joint Commission policy requires that you inform us of any changes in the name or ownership of your organization, or the health care services you provide. Finally, although you may choose to display the certificate of accreditation, the certificate remains the property of the Joint Commission. The certificate must be returned if your organization requires a revised certificate, chooses to withdraw from accreditation, or allows the accreditation award to expire. In order to obtain an up-to-date certificate of accreditation, please complete and return the enclosed form to the Joint Commission certificate coordinator.

Congratulations on your achievement of accreditation.

Sincerely,

Lance O. Hoxie
Director
Accreditation Program for
Ambulatory Health Care