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**STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EARNS
JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION**

ATTLEBORO, MA, February 3, 2011 – Sturdy Memorial Hospital has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™ and been granted full accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standard for health care quality and safety.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey by a team of Joint Commission expert surveyors to determine compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Joint Commission accreditation is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to meeting certain performance standards. The Joint Commission accreditation involves evaluating a health care organization’s performance in areas that most affect patient health and safety. The standards focus not simply on an organization’s ability to provide safe, high quality care, but its actual performance.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accreditation body in health care.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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