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# Avow awarded reaccreditation from the Joint Commission

*The Gold Seal reflects Avow's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care*

NAPLES, Fla. (MAY 23, 2023) – Avow has achieved reaccreditation of The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval 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.

"As a heath care accreditor, The Joint Commission works with health care organizations across settings to help improve patient safety and quality of care through our expert resources and tools, innovative solutions and rigorous standards," says Deborah Ryan, MS, RN, interim executive vice president, Accreditation and Certification Operations, The Joint Commission. "We commend Avow for its commitment to advance safety and quality for all patients."

To receive the accreditation, Avow underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review Feb. 7-10. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with standards spanning several areas, including equipment management, emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, information management, medication management and National Patient Safety Goals.

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 interviews.

"Avow enjoys a reputation of integrity and excellence in patient care and service to our community," said Avow Chief Compliance Officer Kerri Ervin. "This reputation is one of our greatest assets as we fulfill our mission to create peace of mind by providing compassionate care and support to those who need us."

Avow staff prepares throughout the year with team education, regular process reminders, mock surveys, and the Avow Regulatory Readiness Guide provided to each team member.

In addition to The Joint Commission's Gold Seal, Avow has been recognized as a Certified Great Place to Work, Avow's Palliative Care Program has Community Health Accreditation Partner CHAP certification, platinum-level certification for LGBTQ Inclusive Care from SAGECare, is a Struthers Parkinson's Care Network member, and is an accredited partner of the National Institute for Jewish Hospices.

For more information, please visit The Joint Commission website.

**About Avow:**

Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, non-profit hospice. Today, Avow's non-profit companies provide palliative care consultations for adults facing chronic or serious illness and hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults. To learn more about the scope of services provided by Avow, call 239-261-4404 or visit www.avowcares.org.

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