**SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE**

**Certification template for Integrated Care program**

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**(Organization name) awarded Integrated Care Certification from The Joint Commission**

(CITY, State, Date) – (Organization name) has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Integrated Care Certification 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.

The certification recognizes (organization name’s) efforts to support information sharing, including patient handoffs and information technology integration. It also helps organizations foster collaboration, highlight risk sharing, promote patient centeredness, and identify and reduce redundancy.

(Organization name) underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review on (date). During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with related certification standards (insert most relevant standards areas – examples include: environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, and rights and responsibilities of the individual). Joint Commission standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. The reviewers also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

“Integrated Care Certification recognizes health care organizations committed to fostering continuous improvement in patient safety and quality of care,” says Deborah Ryan, MS, RN, interim executive vice president, Accreditation and Certification Operations, The Joint Commission. “We commend (organization name) for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for patients.”

(Insert quote from organization leader)

(Insert specific examples of how organization prepared for certification process and/or specific certification’s eligibility requirements)

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