Sample News Release for Juvenile Facilities – Continuing Accreditation

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**(NAME OF ORGANIZATION) AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE**

City, Date – (name of organization) has again earned accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care by demonstrating compliance with NCCHC’s *Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities.* Accreditation recognizes (name of organization)’s dedication to compliance with the most respected standards in correctional health care.

(Name of organization) underwent a rigorous on-site survey in (month/date). An experienced physician and other experts in juvenile health care surveyed the facility for compliance with standards on continuous quality improvement, patient safety, chronic disease management, personnel and training, medical and mental health care, health records, and legal issues. (Name of organization) was originally accredited in (year) and has maintained its commitment to meeting the requirements described in NCCHC’s standards for (number of years) years.

(Describe facility here).

[Note to facility – please feel free to substitute your own quote here]"We have a legal obligation to provide the youth in our care with appropriate health care, and we will do our job with innovation, excellence and efficiency on behalf of the taxpayers,” says (facility executive or other leader). “I salute the supervisors, officers and health care staff for their hard work and knowledge of health care delivery in a secure environment.”

NCCHC has surveyed and accredited jails, prisons and juvenile detention and confinement facilities for 40 years. The NCCHC standards used in accreditation are developed with input from the nation’s experts in correctional juvenile health care.

"In achieving NCCHC accreditation, (name of organization) has demonstrated its commitment to meeting constitutional requirements for incarcerated juveniles,” said National Comm issionCEO Deborah Ross, CCHP. “Accreditation is a voluntary process and we commend (name of organization) for successfully undertaking this challenge to provide quality health care for this population. Providing appropriate health care to juveniles can change the direction of their lives so they become productive adults.”