Sample News Release for Opioid Treatment - Reaccreditation

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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 Opioid Treatment Programs in Correctional Facilities.* OTPAccreditation enables OTPs to obtain legally required certification from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

(Name of organization) underwent a rigorous on-site survey in (month/date) by professionals with experience in corrections-based opioid treatment programs. NCCHC is the only SAMHSA-authorized accrediting body that focuses on corrections. NCCHC’s opioid treatment standards are based on federal regulations and community standards but modified for the unique correctional environment.

(Describe facility here). (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.

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

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

"In achieving NCCHC accreditation, (name of organization) has demonstrated its commitment to meeting federal requirements for corrections-based opioid treatment,” said National Commission CEO Deborah Ross, CCHP. “We commend (name of organization) for successfully undertaking this challenge to provide quality opioid treatment and break the bonds of addiction.”