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**Day Kimball Healthcare Receives Hospital and Home Care Re-Accreditation by
The Joint Commission**

PUTNAM, CONN. (Mar. 10, 2021) – Day Kimball Hospital and Day Kimball Healthcare At Home have again earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards.

The Joint Commission is an independent organization that accredits and certifies health care organizations and programs in the United States. Its Gold Seal is recognized as the nation’s predominant symbol of health care quality, reflecting an organization’s commitment to meeting specific performance standards and providing patients with safe, quality health care.

“Day Kimball is proud to receive re-accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation,” said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. “Compliance with performance standards and best practices are what we commit to every day at Day Kimball. This re-accreditation reflects our commitment to continual performance improvement of care with a focus on patient safety.”

To maintain and earn accreditation, an extensive on-site review by a select team of professionals, such as physicians and nurses, is conducted every three years.

The Joint Commission’s hospital and home care standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers. The standards are supported by scientific literature and expert consensus to help hospitals measure, assess, and improve performance.

While carrying out a rigorous unannounced on-site review at Day Kimball Hospital in October 2020, Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with hospital standards related to several areas, including emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention, leadership, and medication management, among other standards. Surveyors also conducted staff interviews.

Day Kimball Healthcare At Home also underwent an on-site survey in October 2020. Surveyors evaluated compliance with home care standards in key organizational areas including the provision of care, treatment and services, emergency management, human resources, individual rights and responsibilities, and leadership. In addition to meeting performance standards, the home care program received praise for its innovative falls prevention initiative and patient guide booklet, which was recommended by The Joint Commission for submission as a national best practice.

The Joint Commission survey of Day Kimball Hospital's stroke program occurred in February 2021. As a result of this survey, Day Kimball has achieved re-certification from The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center.

Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org. For more information about Day Kimball Hospital and Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, visit www.daykimball.org.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is www.daykimball.org.