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Day Kimball Healthcare Sleep Center and Laboratory Services Receive Renewals for Accreditation

PUTNAM, CONN. – Day Kimball Healthcare recently received re-accreditation for its Sleep Center located at Day Kimball Hospital and its Laboratory which conducts tests at the Hospital, manages four community-based blood draw facilities, and provides blood draw services to skilled nursing facilities in the region. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine granted a five-year accreditation to the Sleep Center for both inpatient and in-home studies and the College of American Pathologists (CAP) awarded the Laboratory a two-year accreditation.

“Consistency of quality is the hallmark of excellence. We are very proud of the teams in our Sleep Center and our Laboratory Department for continuing to meet the high quality standards of these nationally-recognized accreditation organizations,” said Donald St. Onge, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer.

In both cases, rigorous onsite inspections of the facilities were conducted by the respective accreditation committees. The process also includes review of policies and procedures and verification they are being properly followed.

Sleep medicine includes the diagnose and treatment of sleep-related breathing disorders such as sleep apnea as well as other disorders such as restless leg syndrome (RLS), abnormal REM behaviors, parasomnias, nocturnal seizure disorder, narcolepsy, sleep/wake disturbances, shift work disorders and jet lag disorders. The Sleep Center, opened in 1999 with an expansion in 2009, conducts studies onsite overnight and during the day as well as offers in-home studies, working with adults and children. A neurologist and pulmonologist, both boarded in sleep medicine, are supported by six registered technologist and one technician. All studies are pre-certified for physicians. In 2014, Day Kimball conducted 1122 studies.

Day Kimball’s Laboratory conducts more than half a million diagnostic tests each

year. It provides both inpatient and outpatient services with the convenience of securely delivering test results electronically to credentialed physicians' offices, skilled nursing facilities and other specialists. The Laboratory located at the Hospital analyzes fluid and tissue samples while the blood bank provides required compatibility testing needed for transfusions. The team includes pathologists, medical technologists, point of care staff, phlebotomists, specimen processors, couriers and administrative support staff.

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield and Putnam, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern CT, Day Kimball HomeMakers, and Day Kimball Medical Group. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,400 employees including nearly 300 associated, highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is daykimball.org.