



July 09, 2019

Re: # 6737

CCN: #110032

Program: Hospital

Accreditation Expiration Date: April 13, 2022

Michael Hester
CEO
Stephens County Hospital
163 Hospital Drive
Toccoa, Georgia 30577

Dear Mr. Hester:

This letter confirms that your April 11, 2019 - April 12, 2019 unannounced full resurvey was conducted for the purposes of assessing compliance with the Medicare conditions for hospitals, including your swing bed service, through The Joint Commission's deemed status survey process.

Based upon the submission of your evidence of standards compliance on July 02, 2019 and the successful on-site unannounced Medicare Deficiency Follow-up event conducted on May 22, 2019, the areas of deficiency listed below have been removed. The Joint Commission is granting your organization an accreditation decision of Accredited with an effective date of April 13, 2019. We congratulate you on your effective resolution of these deficiencies.

§482.42 Infection Control

The Joint Commission is also recommending your organization for continued Medicare certification effective April 13, 2019. Please note that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Regional Office (RO) makes the final determination regarding your Medicare participation and the effective date of participation in accordance with the regulations at 42 CFR 489.13. Your organization is encouraged to share a copy of this Medicare recommendation letter with your State Survey Agency.

This recommendation applies to the following locations:

Stephens County Hospital
163 Hospital Drive, Toccoa, GA, 30577

Stephens County Hospital
d/b/a The Wound Care Center of Stephens County Hospital
1025 Falls Road, Toccoa, GA, 30577

Please be assured that The Joint Commission will keep the report confidential, except as required by law or court order. To ensure that The Joint Commission's information about your organization is always accurate and current, our policy requires that you inform us of any changes in the name or ownership of your organization or the health care services you provide.

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Sincerely,

Mark Pelletier

Mark G. Pelletier, RN, MS
Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nurse Executive
Division of Accreditation and Certification Operations

cc: CMS/Central Office/Survey & Certification Group/Division of Acute Care Services
CMS/Regional Office 4 /Survey and Certification Staff



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Joint Commission ID #: 6737
Program: Hospital Accreditation
Accreditation Activity: 60-day Evidence of Standards
Compliance
Accreditation Activity Completed : 7/9/2019

Dear Mr. Hester:

The Joint Commission is pleased to grant your organization an accreditation decision of Accredited for all services surveyed under the applicable manual(s) noted below:

- **Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospital**

This accreditation cycle is effective beginning April 13, 2019 and is customarily valid for up to 36 months. Please note, The Joint Commission reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the duration of the cycle.

Should you wish to promote your accreditation decision, please view the information listed under the 'Publicity Kit' link located on your secure extranet site, The Joint Commission Connect.

The Joint Commission will update your accreditation decision on Quality Check®.

Congratulations on your achievement.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Pelletier, RN, MS
Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nurse Executive
Division of Accreditation and Certification Operations



July 9, 2019

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Stephens County Hospital
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Toccoa , GA 30577

Joint Commission ID #: 6737
Program: Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation
Accreditation Activity: 60-day Evidence of Standards
Compliance
Accreditation Activity Completed : 7/9/2019

Dear Mr. Hester:

The Joint Commission is pleased to grant your organization an accreditation decision of Accredited for all services surveyed under the applicable manual(s) noted below:

- **Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Ambulatory Health Care**

This accreditation cycle is effective beginning April 10, 2019 and is customarily valid for up to 36 months. Please note, The Joint Commission reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the duration of the cycle.

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