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RE: St. Elizabeth's inpatient rehabilitation unit receives reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Belleville, IL - The 40-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit at St. Elizabeth's has been reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and is the only one of its kind in St. Clair County.

CARF is a nonprofit organization that conducts thorough evaluations of rehabilitation centers to ensure they conform to nationally recognized service standards, meet rigorous guidelines for service and quality, and focus on delivering the most favorable results for their patients. It completed its reaccreditation survey of St. Elizabeth's in October 2007.

"The accreditation of our facility lets our patients know they will receive the highest quality treatment in a wide range of disciplines, including physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapy," said Tom Dibadj, Director of Rehabilitation Services. "We believe in treating the whole person, not just the impairment, which leads to a higher quality of life once the program is complete."

Since the founding of the Rehabilitation Unit at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in 1986, thousands of people in the metro-east area have trusted the professional staff to help them make necessary lifestyle changes, overcome their limitations and achieve their full

recovery potential. The unit provides rehabilitation services for those affected by stroke, hip fracture, head injury, arthritis, joint replacement, spinal cord injury, major multiple trauma, congenital deformity, amputation, burns and much more.

For more information about the services offered at St. Elizabeth's Hospital Rehabilitation Unit, call 618-234-2120, 1129.

About St. Elizabeth's Hospital St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

About the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, (CARF) Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of human service providers in the areas of aging services, behavioral health, child and youth services, DMEPOS, employment and community services, medical rehabilitation, and opioid treatment program. The CARF family of organizations currently accredits more than 5,000 providers at more than 18,000 locations in the United States, Canada, Western Europe, and South America. Close to 6 million persons of all ages are served annually by CARF-accredited providers.

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