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## **Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of New England awarded Stroke Rehabilitation Certification from The Joint Commission**

**WOBURN, Mass., April XX, 2019** - Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of New England has earned certification for Disease-Specific Care in stroke rehabilitation. The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® was awarded to the hospital for its compliance with the organization's national standards for healthcare quality and safety for stroke rehabilitation.

"Our staff has thoroughly demonstrated a high level of care for stroke survivors," said Ariel Savitz, MD, Stroke Program Medical Director of Encompass Health New England. "We are proud to provide a higher standard of service for stroke patients in our community. The Joint Commission's certification provides us with a framework to create a culture of excellence for those we serve."

To earn the certification, Encompass Health New England underwent a rigorous on-site survey during the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A surveyor with expertise in the care of patients with neurological issues from the Joint Commission evaluated the hospital's stroke rehabilitation program for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients and families, including the provision and quality of care, medical staff, leadership and medication management.

Studies indicate that 60 percent of stroke survivors can benefit from comprehensive rehabilitation. Eighty percent of patients receiving this level of therapy return to their homes, work, schools or active retirement, according to the National Rehabilitation Caucus. The Joint Commission's acknowledgement of Encompass Health New England's continuum of care for stroke offers patients and families peace of mind in knowing they are getting quality stroke care for life-changing results.

Last May, Encompass Health Corp. announced a national strategic sponsorship with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Together To End Stroke® campaign. Together To End Stroke® is the AHA/ASA's initiative focused on educating Americans that stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable. AHA/ASA and Encompass Health will work to elevate national and local awareness through provider, patient and community education. Encompass Health New England is proud to support this initiative by going the extra mile to ensure they provide the highest level of stroke care, earning The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval®.

### **About Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of New England**

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of New England is a 210-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital that offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. Serving patients throughout the Greater Boston area, the hospital is located at 2 Rehabilitation Way in Woburn. Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of New England also operates inpatient hospitals in Beverly, located at 800 Cummings Center, and in Lowell, located at 1071 Varnum Avenue as well as two outpatient centers in Woburn, and Billerica. These hospitals may be found on the web at <http://www.encompasshealth.com/newenglandrehab>.

### **Encompass Health**

As a national leader in integrated healthcare services, Encompass Health (NYSE: EHC) offers both facility-based and home-based patient care through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, home health agencies and hospice agencies. With a national footprint that includes 130 hospitals, 221 home health locations, and 59

hospice locations in 37 states and Puerto Rico, the Company is committed to delivering high-quality, cost-effective, integrated care across the healthcare continuum. Encompass Health is ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For. For more information, visit [encompasshealth.com](https://encompasshealth.com), or follow us on our [newsroom](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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