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## **Poet's Seat Health Care Center awarded accreditation from The Joint Commission**

GREENFIELD, MA— Poet's Seat Health Care Center is proud to announce that it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in long term care. This certification proves to be another example of their on-going commitment to providing consistent, safe and high quality care.

"Joint Commission accreditation allows us to take our organization to the next level and helps create a culture of excellence," says Patrick McManus, Poet's Seat Health Care Center Administrator. "Achieving this accreditation, for our organization, is a major step toward maintaining excellence and continuing our commitment to help people in the community in need of skilled nursing and long-term care."

Poet's Seat Health Care Center underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey in January 2011. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated the facility for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of residents, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, Poet's Seat Health Care Center has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its residents that goes above and beyond federal and state requirements," says Gina Zimmermann, M.S., senior executive director, Long Term Care Accreditation, The Joint Commission. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend Poet's Seat for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

The Joint Commission's Long Term Care Accreditation Program was established in 1966 and today accredits more than 1,000 organizations offering long term care and skilled nursing facility services. The Joint Commission's long term care standards address important functions relating to the care of residents and the management of long term care organizations. The standards are developed in consultation with long term care experts, providers, measurement experts and residents.

Poet's Seat Health Care Center is a carefully maintained, 63-bed, privately owned skilled nursing facility in Greenfield, Massachusetts, offering long- and short-term nursing care, rehabilitation services and respite care. Our professional, dedicated staff provides a tailored plan of care for each

resident in accordance with physicians' directives. Every department works with residents on a one-on-one level with respect and consideration, striving to maximize and expand their highest level of functioning. Our well-rounded approach to elder care makes Poet's Seat Health Care Center an appealing, reliable choice for excellent healthcare.

Poet's Seat Health Care Center is managed by Somerset Health Care Management Group.

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