PENN STATE HERSHEY REHABILITATION HOSPITAL EARN PRESTIGIOUS CARF ACCREDITATION FOR STROKE SPECIALTY PROGRAM

Stroke Specialty Program Marks Third CARF Honor for Central Pennsylvania Hospital

HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA — March 6, 2017 – Penn State Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital, a joint venture partnership between Select Medical and Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, today announced that it received CARF International accreditation for a period of three years for its stroke specialty program. The prestigious accreditation marks a provider’s commitment to continually enhance the quality of services and programs with a focus on patient satisfaction and outcomes. In addition to the stroke specialty program, the hospital holds two previously awarded CARF accreditations for Adult Rehabilitation and Pediatric Rehabilitation.

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities’ Three-Year Accreditation for the stroke specialty program represents the highest level of accreditation that a rehabilitation hospital can receive. The honor is earned based on a rigorous peer review process involving an interdisciplinary team of surveyors that conduct a series of on-site visits to evaluate a hospital’s commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable and of the highest quality.

“CARF accreditation validates that we are exceeding industry standards while fulfilling our mission to deliver an exceptional patient experience,” said Scott Guevin, chief executive officer at Penn State Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital. “Our dedicated team strives to achieve excellence every day as we serve the rehabilitation needs of adults, adolescents and children in their journey of healing and recovery. We are incredibly proud to add the stroke specialty program to our esteemed CARF accreditations at Penn State Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital.”

Penn State Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital is a 76-bed facility that provides rehabilitation services for stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputee, wound care, and orthopedics, as well as pediatric and general outpatient rehabilitation.

“Recognition by CARF is the gold standard in rehabilitation,” said Dr. Raymond Reichwein, stroke program director and co-director of the Penn State Stroke Center. “It is a clear signal to our physicians who refer patients to this next level of care, as well as the patients themselves, that Penn State Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital provides superior quality and outcomes.”

About CARF
CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served.

About Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Founded in 1963 through a gift from The Milton S. Hershey Foundation, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center is a leading university health center located in Hershey, Pa. The 548-bed Milton S. Hershey Medical Center is a provider of high-level, patient-focused medical care. As a Magnet designated hospital since 2007, Hershey Medical Center employs caregivers who are dedicated to excellence and achieving superior patient and community outcomes. The Hershey Medical Center campus includes Penn State College of Medicine (Penn State’s medical school), Penn State Cancer Institute and Penn State Children’s Hospital—the region’s only children’s hospital.

About Select Medical Holdings Corporation
Select Medical began operations in 1997 and has grown to be one of the largest operators of specialty hospitals, outpatient rehabilitation clinics and occupational health centers in the United States based on the number of facilities. As of December 31, 2016, Select Medical operated 103 long term acute care hospitals and 20 acute medical rehabilitation hospitals in 27 states and 1,611 outpatient rehabilitation clinics in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Select Medical’s joint venture subsidiary Concentra operated 300 centers in 38 states. Concentra also provides contract
services at employer worksites and Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinics. At December 31, 2016, Select Medical had operations in 46 states and the District of Columbia. Information about Select Medical is available at: www.selectmedical.com.

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