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**WellMed Awarded Gold Seal of Approval and  
Primary Care Medical Home Certification From The Joint Commission  
Three-year recognition from oldest, largest accrediting health care body in U.S.**

**SAN ANTONIO** – WellMed has earned the Gold Seal of Approval® for Ambulatory Health Care from The Joint Commission, the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting health care body.



The Gold Seal of Approval is a respected symbol of quality in health care that reflects an organization’s commitment to providing safe and effective patient care. WellMed also received the Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) Certification, an additional designation earned by select ambulatory health care organizations. Fewer than 200 medical groups in the country have both the prestigious accreditation and certification.

In May, ambulatory health care experts from the Joint Commission evaluated how WellMed doctors and their support teams work with patients to provide effective, comprehensive, coordinated and patient-centered care. WellMed was evaluated for compliance with ambulatory care standards related to monitoring for infection prevention and control, management of medications, patient education and training, and more.

The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval and PCMH Certification are awarded for a three-year period and apply to 89 WellMed primary care and multispecialty clinics in Texas and Florida.

In San Antonio, where WellMed is based, 28 primary care and multispecialty clinics received the Joint Commission recognition, including Bexar Imaging, which provides radiology services to patients in the WellMed Network. WellMed clinics in Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Rio Grande Valley, Tampa, Greater Orlando and the Treasure Coast of Florida, and WellMed’s PCPMG clinics in Miami also were recognized by the Joint Commission.

WellMed is the only medical group with facilities in the following communities with the Gold Seal of Approval for Ambulatory Health Care and PCMH Certification: Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Rio Grande Valley in Texas; and Orlando and The Treasure Coast in Florida.

“Since 1990, we have worked with patients and their families to create a quality patient-centered experience,” said WellMed Chairman and CEO Dr. George Rapier. “We do this through collaborative care that is better coordinated, closely monitored and constantly reviewed. The Joint

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Commission Gold Seal of Approval and PCMH Certification tell our patients and our staff that we are delivering on our promise to continually improve health care delivery for seniors.”

“Ambulatory care organizations that pursue PCMH Certification from The Joint Commission are demonstrating the highest commitment to delivering quality primary care in the ambulatory setting,” said Michael Kulczycki, The Joint Commission’s executive director of the Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation Program. “We commend WellMed and its staff for demonstrating a commitment to patient safety and quality.”

WellMed, part of health services leader Optum, is a 27-year-old health care delivery company that provides care for more than 310,000 mostly Medicare patients. WellMed doctors use the nationally recognized WellMed Care Model, which combines effective preventive medicine and robust data analysis to drive superior health outcomes. The WellMed Care Model helps patients better manage their chronic conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease, using evidence-based methods for care delivery.

**WellMed Medical Management**, part of Optum, is a leading health care delivery company serving more than 310,000 patients in Texas and Florida through primary care clinics, multi-specialty clinics, and contracted medical management services. Most patients are eligible for Medicare. Founded in 1990 by Dr. George Rapier III, the vision of the growing enterprise is to change the face of healthcare delivery for seniors. Learn more about WellMed at [www.WellMedHealthcare.com](http://www.WellMedHealthcare.com).

Founded in 1951, **The Joint Commission** seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).