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## Horizon Receives The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval

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**Apache Junction, AZ (November 12, 2021)** — Horizon Health and Wellness has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval<sup>®</sup> for two consecutive times. Horizon recently received an accreditation award for both Ambulatory and Behavioral Health, and a Primary Care Medical Home Certification.

Horizon received this accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Horizon underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite review by The Joint Commission in June 2021. The onsite evaluation included Horizon's compliance for standards of care, treatment, services, and safety in Ambulatory (Primary Care Medical Home) and Behavioral Health. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations, chart reviews, building inspections, and staff interviews. Horizon was praised for the quality of our services and the care provided to their patients.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

"As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible," says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend Horizon Health and Wellness for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care."

For more information, please visit www.hhwaz.org or The Joint Commission website.

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## **About Horizon Health and Wellness**

Horizon Health and Wellness is a non-profit integrated health care provider licensed in Arizona and accredited through the Joint Commission to deliver an extensive array of inpatient, outpatient, and residential services for all ages and stages of life. Horizon offers comprehensive health care services that include family medicine, emotional and behavioral health, addiction treatment, Telehealth and more. For more information, call (833) 431-4449 or visit www.hhwaz.org.