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RMCHCS has obtained Critical Access Hospital Accreditation from the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ)

GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, – Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services, (RMCHCS) has been surveyed by the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ) and has successfully met the requirements for **Critical Access Hospital Accreditation** by demonstrating compliance with CIHQ Standards and the Conditions of Participation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This recognition reflects the hospital’s continuous commitment to safety and quality patient care.

RMCHCS was subjected to a rigorous unannounced onsite assessment on November 7, 2024. The CIHQ team toured the hospital, reviewed medical records, observed care practices, and interviewed staff and patients.

“CIHQ’ goal is to partner with hospitals to improve the care provided in our communities,” states Richard Curtis, Chief Executive Officer of CIHQ. “CIHQ is proud to recognize RMCHCS for achieving accreditation.”

Wayne Gillis, RMCHCS- Chief Executive Officer, commented on this outcome. “CIHQ has changed the stereotype of what surveys are to so many in the healthcare industry. They used every opportunity to educate us on what we needed to do to correct or adjust... This was different than any survey we have been a part of. I love that I work for a hospital that chose CIHQ as their accrediting organization.”

Full CAH accreditation took a long time to complete and this survey is the last step in the process. After our initial CAH survey in June 2023 we were able to start building our Swing Bed program. Since the initial survey we have worked with CIHQ and Swing Bed residents to build a program where people can take extra time to recover at RMCHCS without the need to transfer to a long-term care center for additional rehabilitation services. We are very pleased with the survey results and are proud to provide this service to Gallup and McKinley County.

For more information, please visit the [Critical Access Hospitals](#) website.

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