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## **VALOR HEALTHCARE EARNS ACCREDITATION FROM JOINT COMMISSION**

*-- Milestone reflects commitment to safe, high quality healthcare for U.S. veterans --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Driven by a commitment to provide safe, high quality healthcare to U.S. veterans, Valor Healthcare Inc. has been awarded the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™, officials announced today.

With this important designation, Valor becomes the only provider of primary care services contracted by the Veterans Administration to attain Joint Commission accreditation for all of its VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics across the United States.

“Valor Healthcare is very proud of this accreditation, and we look forward to working with the Joint Commission to continuously strengthen the quality and safety of healthcare offered at our clinics,” says Howard Lewin, Valor Healthcare CEO.

“Our employees played a tremendous role in this process, and we deeply appreciate their on-going hard work and dedication.”

All Valor clinics earned The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval™ designation for Ambulatory Care. The Joint Commission conducted on site visits of each Valor clinic and assessed quality in nine areas:

- Ethics, rights and responsibilities;
- Provision of care and treatment of services;
- Medication management;
- Surveillance, prevention and control of infection;
- Improved organizational performance;
- Leadership;
- Management of the environment of care;
- Management of human resources; and
- Management of information.

“The accreditation follows a rigorous and thorough review of the healthcare services we provide to veterans of the U.S. armed forces at our clinics,” says Dr. Ray Lanier, Valor Healthcare Founder and President.

“This is one of several quality and safety initiatives underway at our company. Founded by veterans for veterans, Valor takes tremendous pride in caring for America’s courageous with dignity and respect.”

A growing company, Valor Healthcare provides healthcare services to more than 58,000 veterans through more than 100,000 clinic visits per year.

### **About Valor Healthcare**

Founded in 2004, Valor Healthcare, Inc. develops and operates outpatient clinics providing primary care and mental health services to military veterans under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic Program. Dedicated to providing the highest standards of quality patient care, Valor is the only contract provider of primary care services to attain Joint Commission accreditation for all of its VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics across the United States. Valor’s management team brings more than 30 years of experience in working with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of the Army, and U.S. Department of the Navy. The company currently operates VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics in Arkansas, California, Louisiana, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

### **About the Joint Commission**

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