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THE GREATER HUDSON VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHEST LEVEL PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (NCQA)

Newburgh, NY (February 2nd, 2012) – The Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center (GHVFHC) is proud to announce that it has been recognized as Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Level 3 designation is the highest achievable recognition for a medical group. NCQA's Patient Centered Medical Home program recognizes physician practices that prioritize the strengthening of the physician-patient relationship, coordinate care for patients across multiple settings, and engage in a team approach to improve patient care.

"The patient –centered medical home promises to improve health and health care" said GHVFHC President & CEO Linda S. Muller. "The active, on-going relationship between a patient and a clinician in medical homes fosters an all-to-rare goal in care: staying healthy and preventing illnesses in the first place. PCMH Recognition shows that GHVFHC has the tools, systems, and resources to provide their patients with the right care at the right time."

Our medical home program has excelled at improving patient's access to health care, improving communication with patients, and improving the quality of care patients receive. According to Dr. Alan Bernstein, Chief Medical Officer of the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center, "We have utilized our electronic health records to track test results, to follow patient referrals, to identify patients in need of follow up care for ongoing medical problems, and to reach out to patients who would benefit from more aggressive health care management."

"Designation as a Level 3 Medical Home is an outstanding achievement for GHVFHC and for the community at large, as it represents a shared commitment to clinical quality with an emphasis on continuity of care, electronic medical records and community health and wellness" states Dr. Jean M. Hudson, M.D., M.P.H, Orange County Health Commissioner

GHVFHC provides more than 18,000 adults and children in our region with their comprehensive health care. Last year, we provided primary and preventative health care services totaling more than 125,000 patient visits. Our staff of more than 260 employees includes 17 Board Certified/Board Eligible Physicians, and Dentists, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, a large nursing staff, phlebotomists and laboratory professionals, and social work and counseling staff.

About NCQA

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information for consumers, purchasers, health care providers and researchers

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