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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER MRI RECEIVES ACR ACCREDITATION

LANCASTER, Ohio (October 18, 2007) – Fairfield Medical Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The American College of Radiology headquartered in Reston, Virginia, awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field conduct evaluations. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

Why would a patient care if a facility is ACR Accredited?

- ACR accreditation demonstrates commitment to quality patient care
- Cigna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, ANTHEM, Aetna/US Healthcare, Oxford Health Plans, United Healthcare, Highmark, Medicare, and the states of Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Rhode Island all recognize the value of ACR accreditation programs
 - ACR accreditation programs provide a high level of confidence for patients, referring physicians, and managed care organizations that only the highest quality care is being provided by accredited facilities.
 - ACR certificates of accreditation give assurance that staff and equipment have passed the ACR's rigorous evaluation.
- ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic-interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

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