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**FACILITY** Recognized for Excellence with ACC FreeStanding Emergency  
Department Cardiac Care Certification

**FACILITY** provides necessary care, resources to patients experiencing heart attack, urgent heart  
problem

**DATELINE (Month xx, 20XX)** — The American College of Cardiology has recognized **FACILITY NAME** for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients who may be experiencing a heart attack or other urgent heart problem. **FACILITY NAME** was awarded FreeStanding Emergency Department Cardiac Care Certification in **MONTH** based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing an urgent heart problem and need access to emergency care closer to home.

Facilities that have earned ACC Freestanding ED Cardiac Care Certification have proven exceptional competency in ensuring that patients experiencing acute signs and symptoms of heart attack, atrial fibrillation or heart disease receive the same expert diagnosis, treatment and care as those who enter the emergency department of an established hospital.

"**FACILITY NAME** has demonstrated its commitment to providing **COMMUNITY NAME** with excellent heart care," said Phillip D. Levy, MD, FACC, chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. "ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award **FACILITY NAME** with FreeStanding Emergency Department Cardiac Care Certification."

This certification means that **FACILITY NAME** has optimized its processes and protocols to provide excellence in community outreach, pre-hospital care, early stabilization and acute care, transitional care, clinical quality and more. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the care of cardiovascular patients. Facilities that earn the certification go through a rigorous onsite review and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff around the efforts leading to better patient education and improved patient outcomes.

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**[Additional info about hospital or facility]**

## **About (FACILITY)**

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### **About the American College of Cardiology**

The American College of Cardiology envisions a world where innovation and knowledge optimize cardiovascular care and outcomes. As the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team, the mission of the College and its more than 52,000 members is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC bestows credentials upon cardiovascular professionals who meet stringent qualifications and leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College also provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research through its world-renowned *JACC Journals*, operates national registries to measure and improve care, and offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions. For more, visit [acc.org](http://acc.org).

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