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**VERITAS ANNOUNCES JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION  
FOR UNITED MEDICAL CENTER**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Veritas of Washington, LLC, a hospital management consulting services firm that oversees the management of the Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation (commonly known as United Medical Center (UMC)), announces today that UMC has received full accreditation from The Joint Commission, which oversees accreditation for 21,000 hospitals and health care organizations nationwide.

The accreditation notice was received on November 30<sup>th</sup> and was based on the unannounced survey that took place September 19-22, 2017 with a follow-up visit on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The full accreditation is in effect from September 23, 2017 through September 23, 2020.

“The UMC Board is proud of the results from The Joint Commission,” noted UMC Board Chair LaRuby May. “We commend the hardworking UMC staff for their commitment to delivering a high quality of healthcare to Ward 7 and 8 residents.”

According to David C. Boucree, interim CEO of UMC, “Veritas is pleased that United Medical Center has received accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation. Our work to improve patient safety and quality through our process and systems approach across the organization is recognized by The Joint Commission. Staff from across the organization continue to work together to develop and implement approaches to continuously improve the quality care for patients in our community.”

The mission of The Joint Commission is: "To continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value." The unannounced full accreditation survey takes place every three years, with no advance notice to health care organizations when the survey will take place.

The survey process reviews health care organizations' compliance with The Joint Commission standards that measure, assess and improve performance. The standards focus on essential patient care and organization functions that are vital to providing safe, high quality care. The Joint Commission standards are developed with input from health care professionals, providers, subject matter experts, scientific literature,

consumers, and government agencies (including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services).

**About Veritas of Washington, LLC**

Veritas is a Washington, DC-based management consulting services organization that provides consulting services in the areas of personnel, quality and patient safety, performance improvement, accounting, research, and management services for hospitals, health care agencies, and other organizations.

**About United Medical Center (UMC)**

The Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation, commonly known as United Medical Center, is a hospital that is an instrumentality of the District of Columbia government serving Southeast DC and surrounding Maryland communities.