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## UNITED MEDICAL CENTER ("UMC") ANNOUNCES "DEEMED STATUS" APPROVAL FROM CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES ("CMS")

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Not-For-Profit Hospital, commonly known as United Medical Center (UMC)'s "deemed status" has been restored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The decision was based on the results of a District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH), Health Care Facilities Division "deemed status" survey that ended January 25, 2018.

Deemed status is necessary because health care organizations that want to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs must be found to be in substantial compliance with the Conditions of Participation (CoPs) set forth in federal regulations. UMC was found to be in substantial compliance.

UMC Board Chair LaRuby May stated, "Every member in each department is committed to patient quality and safety for the residents of Ward 7 and 8."

"Our extensive focus on improving processes, system changes and practices from patient checkin through discharge has helped raise the standards of patient quality and safety at UMC, as evident by our National Hospital Compare score improving from a 1 star to a 2 star," noted Raymond Tu, MD, MS, FACR, Chairman of Radiology and past UMC Chief of Staff.

## **About United Medical Center (UMC)**

The Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation, commonly known as United Medical Center or UMC, is a District of Columbia government hospital (not a private 501(c)(3) entity) serving Southeast DC and surrounding Maryland communities.

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