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AnMed Health earns new quality-based accreditation

(Anderson, S.C. – Jan. 7, 2019) – AnMed Health has received accreditation from DNV GL Healthcare, a progressive accreditation program consistent with the hospital system's long-term commitment to quality and patient safety. Accreditation is a must have credential for hospitals in order to participate in Medicare reimbursement.

"DNV GL accreditation aligns beautifully with our strategic plan. It gives us a framework to work within to achieve our strategic objectives in patient safety," according to Barbara Beverage, AnMed Health assistant vice president of patient safety and quality.

The DNV GL accreditation will allow AnMed Health to customize its efforts to address areas of need in its long-term commitment to quality and patient safety. DNV GL's accreditation program integrates the ISO 9001 Quality Management System.

"We believe the DNV GL program takes the entire process to another level with ISO 9001," said AnMed Health CEO Bill Manson. ISO 9001 is the world's most trusted quality management system used by performance-driven organizations around the globe.

Historically, AnMed Health held accreditation from The Joint Commission (TJC), an independent, non-profit national body that oversees the safety and quality of health care and other services. "TJC provided a strong foundation for advancing patient safety. The DNV GL approach builds on this foundation and is a better match for our long-term quality and high-reliability objectives," Beverage said.

DNV GL's accreditation program, called NIAHO® (Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), involves conducting hospital surveys annually instead of every three years. It encourages hospitals to share information across departments openly to discover improvements in clinical workflows and safety protocols.

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