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**BENCHMARK TRANSITIONS® ACHIEVES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE
ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

(Redlands, CA – February 17, 2018) – Benchmark Transitions today announced it has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for [Behavioral Health Care Accreditation](#) by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to providing safe and effective care.

Benchmark Transitions underwent a rigorous onsite survey on January 22-24, 2018. During the review, compliance with behavioral health care standards related to several areas, including care, treatment, and services; environment of care; leadership; and screening procedures for the early detection of imminent harm was evaluated. Onsite observations and interviews also were conducted. Benchmark’s accreditation is effective January 25, 2018 and is valid for up to 36 months.

Established in 1969, The Joint Commission’s Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program currently accredits more than 2,250 organizations for a three-year period. Accredited organizations provide treatment and services within a variety of settings across the care continuum for individuals who have mental health, addiction, eating disorder, intellectual/developmental disability, and/or child-welfare related needs.

“Joint Commission accreditation provides behavioral health care organizations with the processes needed to improve in a variety of areas related to the care of individuals and their families,” said Julia Finken, RN, BSN, MBA, CSSBB, CPHQ, executive director, Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. “We commend Benchmark Transitions for its efforts to elevate the standard of care it provides and to instill confidence in the community it serves.”



“Benchmark Transitions is pleased to receive Behavioral Health Care Accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation,” added Jayne Longnecker-Harper, Founder and CEO of Benchmark. “Staff from across the organization continue to work together to develop and implement approaches and strategies that have the potential to improve care for those in our community.”

The Joint Commission’s behavioral health care standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, quality improvement measurement experts, and individuals and their families. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

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The Joint Commission

Founded in 1951, [The Joint Commission](http://www.jointcommission.org) seeks 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 Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

Benchmark Transitions

Founded in 1993, [Benchmark Transitions](https://benchmarktransitions.com/) is the longest running young adult-specific treatment program, providing a comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach to the therapeutic process for men and women, ages 18-28, suffering with chemical dependency, mental health, co-occurring disorders and related behavioral issues. Gender-specific programs include sub-acute Detox, Residential Treatment, Day Treatment (PHP), Intensive Outpatient (IOP), Supportive Transitional Living and structured Independent Living Services (ILS), as well as life skills, collegiate recovery support, education and career development. Learn more at <https://benchmarktransitions.com/> or contact admissions at 800-474-4848 x1.