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**Alaska Native Medical Center achieves Magnet designation for nursing excellence for third time**

*Highest nursing honor bestowed upon ANMC, as only Magnet-recognized hospital in Alaska*

**ANCHORAGE – November 24, 2014** – The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) announced that it has been redesignated as a Magnet organization for nursing excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The decision to designate the ANMC hospital for a third time was unanimous among the 12-person Commission on Magnet, an advisory board of advanced practice nursing experts.

“Our Magnet-recognized nurses strengthen both the care provided at the ANMC hospital and throughout the Alaska Tribal Health System,” said Andy Teuber, ANTHC Chairman and President. “Our talented nurses are helping ANTHC work toward our vision that Alaska Native people are the healthiest people in the world.”

ANMC is Alaska’s first and only Magnet-recognized hospital since 2003. The designation recognizes ANMC’s high-quality patient care, nursing excellence, and innovations in professional nursing practice. Less than seven percent of hospitals in the country are Magnet recognized and it is considered the highest honor in nursing for quality of care.

“While we take time to celebrate this momentous occasion, I would like to sincerely thank our nurses for their hard work and dedication in providing our patients with the best care,” said Richard Hall, ANMC Chief Nurse Executive. “Our talented nurses are committed to providing innovative, family-centered care every day at ANMC. This is a well-deserved recognition.”

The Magnet program advances three goals within health care organizations including promoting quality in a setting that supports professional practice, identifying excellence in the delivery of nursing services to patients and residents, and disseminating best practices in nursing services.

“I thank all of ANMC’s hardworking nurses and staff who helped make this third designation a reality for our hospital,” said Roald Helgesen, ANTHC CEO and Administrator. “Magnet designation is a national accolade and is recognized as the ultimate credential for high quality nursing.”

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**About the Alaska Native Medical Center**

The Alaska Native Medical Center operates a state-of-the-art 150-bed facility providing comprehensive medical services to Alaska Native and American Indian people. ANMC is jointly managed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Southcentral Foundation and includes the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center. For more information, please visit [www.anmc.org](http://www.anmc.org).

**About the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) is a nonprofit Tribal health organization managed by Alaska Native Tribal governments and their regional health organizations. ANTHC provides statewide services in specialty medical care; construction of water, sanitation and health facilities; community health and research; information technology and professional recruiting. The Consortium was created in 1997 to provide statewide Native health services. For more information, please visit [www.anthc.org](http://www.anthc.org).

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