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Baptist Health Care Weight-Loss Center Earns National Accreditation

PENSACOLA, Fla. (Jan. 30, 2020) – The Baptist Health Care Weight-Loss Center has earned national accreditation from the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®), a joint quality program of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

To earn MBSAQIP accreditation, the Baptist Health Care Weight-Loss Center met essential criteria for staffing, training, facility infrastructure and patient care. It also participates in a national data registry that reports on the quality of surgical outcomes and identifies opportunities for quality improvement. The MBSAQIP standards ensure that metabolic and bariatric patients receive multidisciplinary medical care that improves patient outcomes and long-term success.

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the quality of care for surgical patients. Its achievements have placed it at the forefront of American surgery and have made the college an important advocate for all surgical patients. The college has more than 82,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is the largest organization for metabolic and bariatric surgeons in the world, with more than 4,200 members. It is a not-for-profit organization that works to advance the science of metabolic and bariatric surgery. The ASMBS is committed to educating medical professionals and the lay public about metabolic and bariatric surgery, including the associated risks and benefits, as a treatment option for obesity.

More information about the Baptist Health Care Weight-Loss Center is available at baptisthealthcare.org/WeightLoss/Our-Center.

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About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization based in northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life's journey. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center and a

large network of primary care and specialty physicians. With more than 7,300 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the second largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida.

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