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## County jail health clinic gets accreditation

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facilities were recently notified by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care that they have received continuing accreditation status, with 100 percent compliance with health care standards based on an audit performed earlier this year.

The accreditation is good for the next three years.

The mission of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care is to improve the quality of health care in jails, prisons and juvenile confinement facilities. With support from the major national organizations representing the fields of health, law and corrections, NCCHC's leadership in setting standards for health services is widely recognized. Building on that foundation, the nonprofit organization offers a broad array of resources to help correctional health care systems provide efficient, high quality care.

"Effective and efficient medical and mental health care delivery has long been one of our priorities," Sheriff Mike Bouchard said. "I'm extremely proud of our jail clinic personnel, who have been successful in increasing our health-care delivery efficiency to our inmate population while improving our services at the same time."

The accreditation status is a reflection of the high degree of professionalism, attention to detail and dedication the Oakland County Jail's Health Clinic staff brings to their duties, Bouchard said. The accreditation also assists in successfully defending medical lawsuits and highlights the Oakland County Jail Clinic as a model for other jail clinics to emulate throughout the country.

The Michigan Department of Corrections Jail Audit Division also is recommending the Oakland County Jail Clinic's pharmacy and medication distribution system for other county jails around the state as a model system.

Jail personnel will be hosting tours for other jail facilities personnel that want to make an on-site visit to tour and learn about model clinic operations.

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