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The Joint Commission report “Supporting efforts to ensure patients receive safe and high quality compounded medications, Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc, Michigan, has become the first hospital—and Home I.V. Care, Inc., Madison Heights, Michigan, has become the first home care organization—to receive Medication Compounding Certification from The Joint Commission. The certification is based on standards from the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP®) to help compounding pharmacies ensure compliance with standards related to the process, testing and verification of compounded sterile and nonsterile preparations.

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“The Joint Commission congratulates Genesys Regional Medical Center and Home I.V. Care, Inc. for being the first organizations to receive this important achievement in their fields,” said Patrick Phelan, executive director, Hospital Business Development, The Joint



Commission.

“These two organizations have demonstrated commitment to strengthening their medication compounding policies and procedures to reduce risk and harm for the patients they serve,” added Margherita Labson, RN, executive director, Home Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission.

Medication or pharmacy compounding is when a licensed pharmacist combines, mixes or alters ingredients to create a prescription medication tailored to the medical needs of a patient. The practice became a widespread patient safety and quality concern after a 2012 multistate meningitis outbreak from a contaminated compounded medication. As a result, many state legislatures and boards of pharmacy began to enhance and strengthen their laws and regulations, including Michigan, where The Joint Commission piloted its certification program in response to a requirement from the state board of pharmacy for compounding pharmacies to obtain certification. The Joint Commission expects to certify more than 75 organizations in Michigan by early 2017.”

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