county of ventura

Grand Jury 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009 (805) 477-1600 Fax: (805) 658-4523

grandjury.countyofventura.org

March 2, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Foreperson, Pamela Riss Tel: 805/477-1600 Email: <u>Pamela.Riss@ventura.org</u>

Ventura County Medical Center Accreditation Status

The Ventura County 2016-2017 Grand Jury has issued a report on the accreditation status of the Ventura County Medical Center. Accreditation is a condition for hospital licensure in California and for reimbursement by the Federal Government for services provided to patients insured under Medicare or Medi-Cal. Without accreditation a hospital would have to close. The report includes the Medical Center, Santa Paula Hospital, and related outpatient facilities. Basic accreditation is by the Joint Commission, formerly known as the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

At the Joint Commission's last full survey in June, 2014 the hospital was approved for 3 years, the maximum allowed. Subsequent follow-up reports have demonstrated satisfactory performance.

Hospitals may voluntarily seek accreditation from other national organizations. The Medical Center has sought and received accreditation from at least 3 such organizations. These reports reveal a pattern of continuous improvement in the quality of care.

The Grand Jury report commended the Ventura County Medical Center for its performance and dedication to improving the quality of patient care.