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**MASH Urgent Care Awarded Joint Commission's
Gold Seal of Approval® for Ambulatory Care Standards
*Only Locally Owned and Operated
Urgent Care Network to Receive Certification***

Buffalo – MASH Urgent Care announced today that they have earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for ambulatory care standards. The accreditation acknowledges compliance with a rigorous set of state-of-the-art national standards, developed by a team of health care experts, doctors and patients. MASH's facilities and procedures were evaluated during an on-site review by The Joint Commission during which all aspects of the quality and safety of patient care were assessed. MASH is the only locally owned and operated Urgent Care Network to receive this certification.

MASH's CEO Mark R. Pundt, M.D. said, "We couldn't be more proud to receive this certification from The Joint Commission. At MASH it is our goal to provide the highest level of quality affordable care, and the Gold Seal of Approval® confirms our success in our mission."

"Organizations that strive for accreditation in ambulatory care from The Joint Commission are demonstrating the highest commitment to quality and safety to their patients, staff and their community," says Michael Kulczycki, executive director, Ambulatory Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. "I commend MASH for successfully achieving this pinnacle and for its dedication to continually improving patient care."

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care, which evaluates and accredits more than 20,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, not-for-profit organization,

The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

MASH's board certified, highest-rated physicians treat a wide range of injuries and illnesses at seven convenient locations across Western New York, as well as perform a variety of routine diagnostic tests. Locations are open daily from 8:30am-9pm, no appointment is necessary and most insurances are accepted.

Dr. Pundt concluded, "At MASH we have developed a strong network of support services built around the notion that the ability to obtain the right care at the right time results in the best outcome for all. This network, combined with powerful collaboration with insurers and partnerships with primary care physicians, strengthens our ability to provide excellent patient care at a lower cost than the alternatives. The standards set by The Joint Commission exceed state and national regulations and let our patients know that, when they come to MASH, they can be absolutely confident that they will receive the highest standard of care, and that our team strives every day to not only meet these standards, but to exceed them."

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