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FHP Mammography Unit Receives Accreditation, Promotes Women's Health

Tamuning, GU—The FHP Radiology Department's Mammography unit recently received its accreditation from the American College of Radiology. The accreditation is valid for three years through March 20, 2012 and is a part of a federally regulated continuous process.

"The role of the American College of Radiology is to validate the quality of medical staff, equipment, and mammography films for proper reading that can lead to early detection of breast cancer with the ability for early treatment," said Gerry Patricio, FHP Radiology technologist.

With this accreditation, the FHP medical center has reached another milestone in providing the best possible health care to the community of Guam. "The accreditation of our mammography unit means that we are up to par with national standards. It assures uninterrupted services not just to our primary patient community, but also supports our current status as a participating provider with the Department of Public Health and Social Services' ongoing Guam Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program," said Brenda Sana, clinic administrator, FHP Health Center.

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Grace Murphy, RN and manager, TakeCare Medical Management, said “The importance of this is that we have maintained a level of quality with the proper credentials from American College of Radiology’s accreditation.”

The Mammography Program has maintained its accreditation since its inception in 1999. TakeCare and FHP have actively been promoting breast health and increasing its awareness by tracking and measuring the percentage of breast cancer patients within its membership and patients.

Established in 1972, TakeCare Insurance Company Inc. is a privately held consumer health organization delivering solutions that enhance people’s lives. The company fulfills this mission through its medical and dental insurance products as well as providing U.S. standard health care through its stand alone, full service FHP medical, dental and optometry clinics.

TakeCare consistently ranks in the Top 10 of the Deloitte and Touche/Guam Business list of top companies in Micronesia. TakeCare’s innovative and comprehensive health insurance products combined with its full service FHP health care clinics make it the total solution in healthcare for its members and patients.

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