

The Joint Commission

Hospice of San Joaquin is the only hospice agency serving San Joaquin County and surrounding communities accredited by The Joint Commission. (<http://www.qualitycheck.org/qualityreport.aspx?hcoid=5332>)

By voluntarily undertaking this outside review and evaluation process, in addition to the mandated (Federal) Medicare and State Department of Health annual reporting, Hospice of San Joaquin demonstrates a commitment to quality care, continuous improvement and public accountability for the care and service of terminally ill patients and their families.

The Joint Commission is a private, not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to improve the quality of care provided to the public by providing health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement. The Joint Commission serves as the major national forum for the establishment of state-of-the-art standards for health care organizations. Accreditation through the Joint Commission is the highest seal of approval for the delivery of health care services.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is the leading health care accrediting body in the world, evaluating and accrediting more than 19,600 health care organizations in the United States. These include hospitals, home care agencies, long term care, and behavioral health care, ambulatory care, pharmacy services and medical equipment suppliers.

The Joint Commission accreditation is voluntary for Hospice of San Joaquin. The Joint Commission assigned experienced health care professions conduct a thorough on-site survey gathering extensive performance information as the basis for judging compliance with standards in all performance areas. Accreditation review is on-going; and includes spontaneous on-site visits and the filing of performance reviews.