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CHI Health Lakeside Awarded Prestigious Perinatal Care Certification from the Joint Commission

For its commitment to healthy babies and healthy moms, **CHI Health Lakeside** has earned Perinatal Care Certification from The Joint Commission. The certification program recognizes hospitals that are committed to achieving patient-centered care for mothers and their newborns.

Lakeside is the third hospital in Nebraska to attain the recognition and the second of CHI hospitals nationwide. CHI Health Bergan Mercy also has achieved the certification. Both are full service hospitals with intensive care units and two of only 30 hospitals nationwide to receive the certification.

Lakeside underwent a rigorous onsite review to assess its compliance with certification standards. During the review, Joint Commission experts completed an independent evaluation that looked at Lakeside's perinatal health care services, as well as:

- Coordinated patient-centered care that starts with prenatal and continues through postpartum care
- Early identification of high-risk pregnancies and births
- Management of mothers' and newborns' risks at a level corresponding to the program's capabilities
- Available patient education and information

In all, Joint Commission examiners looked at almost 200 different standards to see if Lakeside earned the certification.

"We are delighted to receive Perinatal Care Certification from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," said Lisa Strasheim, division director of Women's Health Services. "It shows our commitment to healthy mothers and healthy babies. It demonstrates the unparalleled advantage we have when it comes to preparing mothers for labor and delivery, while also being able to help them if complications arise."

Established in 2015, Perinatal Care Certification is awarded for a two-year period to Joint Commission-accredited hospitals.

We have many heart patient stories to share and many examples of our great perinatal care. Please let Kathy Niver know if you'd like to learn more.

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CHI Health Lakeside is part of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national nonprofit health system based in Englewood, Colorado. The faith-based system operates in 18 states and includes 103 hospitals, as well as long-term care, assisted- and residential living communities; community health services organizations; home health agencies and outpatient facilities and services.

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The Joint Commission

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