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Southeast Hospital, flagship of the SoutheastHEALTH system of care, has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval and the American Heart Association's Heart-Check mark for recertification as a Comprehensive Cardiac Center (CCC).

The recertification recognizes Southeast's heart program for its comprehensive approach to care and commitment to excellence. To achieve this status, Southeast underwent a rigorous, in-depth, unannounced onsite review earlier this year.

SoutheastHEALTH President and CEO Ken Bateman, said that in order to maintain said in order to obtain CCC Certification, the organization was required to show excellence and exceed quality measurements in at least seven of the following areas, including coronary artery bypass, heart failure and cardiac rehabilitation.

"We are humbled to once again receive this recognition, which is a direct result of a spirit of commitment, teamwork and a track record of excellence in our many areas of cardiac care," he added. "Even the myriad of challenges thrust upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic, did not impact our mission of providing exceptional care, in exceptional times."

SoutheastHEALTH is a recognized leader in cardiac care, this year earning six major, national accolades through the American Heart Association in the treatment of heart, vascular and stroke care and recognition by the American College of Cardiology as one of the nation's best hospitals for delivering outstanding care to heart patients.

"Cardiac Center Certification recognizes healthcare organizations devoted to fostering continuous quality improvement in patient safety and quality of care," said Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend SoutheastHEALTH for using certification to strength its program structure for cardiac patients."

"We congratulate SoutheastHEALTH for this outstanding achievement," says Nancy Brown, chief executive officer, the American Heart Association. "This certification reflects its commitment to providing the highest quality of care for cardiac patients."

### About SoutheastHEALTH

At SoutheastHEALTH, the region's premier healthcare system in southeast Missouri, our patients receive excellent care of the highest clinical quality, close to home. Within our network are more than 50 care locations in 13 communities, including hospitals, primary and specialty care clinics representing over 30 clinical specialties and extending care for



patients in a four-state area. Learn more at SEhealth.org.

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