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EXCELA HEALTH BREAST SERVICES NAMED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

GREENSBURG, PA, October 1, 2012 ... Excelsa Health has been designated a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology (ACR). The designation has been awarded to Excelsa Latrobe Hospital, and Excelsa Westmoreland Hospital.

By identifying facilities as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, the ACR recognizes those organizations that have earned accreditation in mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy and breast ultrasound (including ultrasound-guided breast biopsy).

In announcing Excelsa Health's achievement, Paul A. Larson, MD, Chair of the Commission on Quality and Safety for ACR, noted, "The ACR Breast Imaging Center of Excellence designation signifies that your center provides these essential services to your community at the highest standards of the radiology profession."

Peer-review evaluations, conducted in each breast imaging modality by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field, have determined that Excelsa Health has achieved high practice standards in image quality, personnel qualifications, facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs.

"Our facilities have voluntarily gone through this vigorous review process to ensure that we meet nationally-accepted standards of care," said radiologist

David S. Buck, MD, chair of the Department of Radiology at Excelsa Health. “For patients who come to us for care, this accreditation means our equipment is appropriate for the test or treatment you will receive, and our facility and staff meet or exceed quality assurance and safety guidelines when performing medical imaging and interpreting those images.”

Annually, Excelsa Health conducts more than 30,000 screening and diagnostic mammograms.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 34,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

To learn more about imaging services at Excelsa Health, visit www.excelsahealth.org, or contact the Excelsa Health Call Center, 1-877-771-1234.