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NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AS A COMPREHENSIVE CENTER FOR OBESITY MEDICINE

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – Patients in Northeast Georgia already have access to a wide variety of comprehensive weight-loss services through the nationally recognized program at Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) – and now, NGMC has new national recognition for providing high-quality medical weight-loss services. NGMC recently achieved an additional accreditation as a Comprehensive Center with Obesity Medicine Qualifications under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP).

“We are so proud to announce that NGMC has earned national accreditation in obesity medicine,” said Dr. Christina Nguyen, Obesity Medicine Medical Director at NGMC. “Our center went through an extensive site visit by an experienced bariatric surgeon, who reviewed the program’s structure, processes and clinical outcomes data. This designation assures our community that they are receiving exceptional care that meets the highest standards for patient quality and safety. We offer a multi-disciplinary approach with a collaborative team of obesity medicine specialists, bariatric surgeons, dietitians and behavioral health specialists to provide individualized weight management plans for our patients.”

The MBSAQIP is a joint program of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. This accreditation acknowledges NGMC’s commitment to quality improvement and patient safety for metabolic and bariatric

surgery patients. In addition to this new designation for medical weight loss, NGMC has been re-accredited by the MBSAQIP as a Comprehensive Center for weight-loss surgery, continuing the accreditation it's held since 2006.

For more information on weight-loss services at NGMC, visit nghs.com/bariatrics.

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ABOUT NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER

Since 1951, Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) has been on a mission of improving the health of our community in all we do. With hospitals located in Gainesville, Braselton, Winder and Dahlonega, the four NGMC campuses have a total of more than 750 beds and more than 1,200 medical staff members representing more than 60 specialties. NGMC is part of Northeast Georgia Health System, a non-profit that cares for more than one million people across more than 19 counties. Learn more at www.nghs.com.