



THE HSC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
The HSC Pediatric Center

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The HSC Pediatric Center Awarded Three Year CARF Accreditation for Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Programs

The HSC Pediatric Center’s outpatient staff received two accreditations in Pediatric Specialty Programs and a special acknowledgement for Kids in Action, their community recreation program.

Washington, D.C. – On May 10, 2019, The HSC Pediatric Center, a children's specialty hospital in Washington, DC, received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF) for their Individual Therapies and Therapy Clinics, as well as a special acknowledgement for Kids in Action, a community-based, adaptive sports and social activities program for children and young adults with disabilities.

CARF accreditation is an international program that promotes quality, value and optimal outcomes for rehabilitation programs. Achieving this accreditation signifies that our outpatient centers provide the highest quality, value, and care in seeking optimal outcomes for our patients. Our outpatient centers also hold individual accreditation from CARF as a *Pediatric Specialty Program*.

“CARF accreditation is an affirmation of the incredible work our team does every day in care and service to our patients and their families. We are proud of our work and partnership with families to provide therapeutic care and support that helps to improve the quality of life for our young people”, said Dr. Nathaniel Beers, MD, President & Chief Executive Officer of The HSC Health Care System.

“We are excited to be awarded a 3-year CARF accreditation for the outpatient programs at HSC. Staff worked tirelessly to make this goal a reality. The certification is reflective of the family-centered principles we embrace, and the quality of care our dedicated and committed staff provide to the families we serve”, said Anne Ruecktenwald, DPT, Director of Outpatient Services for The HSC Health Care System.

To learn more about The HSC Health Care System and The HSC Pediatric Center and their outpatient services, please visit hschealth.org.

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About The HSC Health Care System

The HSC Health Care System is a nonprofit health care organization committed to serving families with complex needs and eliminating barriers to health services. The System combines the resources of a care coordination plan (Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc.), pediatric specialty hospital (The HSC Pediatric Center), rehabilitative therapy services (The HSC Outpatient Centers), and home health

agency (HSC Home Care, LLC) with its parent organization, The HSC Foundation, to offer a comprehensive approach to caring, serving and empowering people with complex health needs.

About The HSC Pediatric Center

The HSC Pediatric Center is a children's specialty hospital in Washington, DC, that serves children from infancy through age 21. We provide easy access to a range of family-centered medical and therapy services to meet your child's needs. We also provide care for children who are leaving a traditional hospital and aren't quite ready to be cared for at home.

The HSC Pediatric Center offers easy access to family-centered therapy, assessments, and equipment for children from infancy to 21 years of age with complex health care needs. Whatever the challenges – developmental delay, injury, illness or other disability – our teams will use age-appropriate strategies to meet your child's current needs – and lay the foundation for future progress and success.

Whether your child needs a single therapy session or a range of services, our specialists develop a customized care plan.

About the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF)

CARF is an independent non-profit, accreditor of health and human services, enhancing the lives of persons served worldwide. The accreditation process applies CARF's internationally recognized standards during an on-site survey conducted by peer surveyors. CARF accreditation promotes providers' demonstration of values and Quality Across the Lifespan® of millions of persons served through application of rigorous organizational and program standards organized around the ASPIRE to Excellence® continuous quality improvement framework. CARF accreditation has been the recognized benchmark of quality health and human services for more than 50 years.