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**FULTON COUNTY JAIL RECEIVES REACCREDITATION  
FOR QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

**ATLANTA, GA** – The Fulton County Jail has obtained reaccreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care by demonstrating compliance with NCCHC's nationally recognized standards of care for correctional health services in jails.

Reaccreditation is a milestone and positive step forward for the Fulton County Jail. Over the last two years, along with our partners at NaphCare, we have completed a rigorous review process to ensure the standards in place provide the individuals in our custody with access to quality, reliable healthcare.

During the assessment period, a team of experienced physicians and medical experts in correctional health care surveyed the Fulton County Jail for compliance with jail-specific standards in several areas such as patient care and treatment, health promotion, safety and disease prevention, governance and administration, personnel and training, special needs and services, and medical-legal issues.

"This incredible accomplishment is the result of hard but rewarding work by our team and healthcare partners who worked tirelessly to meet the necessary standards," said Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat.

"Together, we continue to raise the standard of care for the individuals in our custody. This accreditation sends a clear message that we are moving in the right direction and reaffirms our commitment to real change."

"NCCHC accreditation is a significant step toward ensuring quality, high-standard care for patients in Fulton County," said Brad McLane, Chief Executive Officer of NaphCare. "We are proud to have partnered with the Sheriff's Office in achieving this recognition as we continue our mission to improve and save lives."

For 45 years, NCCHC's highly respected standards have provided guidance to help correctional health professionals and administrators improve the health of their incarcerated populations and the communities to which they return, increase efficiency of health services delivery, strengthen organizational effectiveness, and reduce the risk of adverse legal judgments.

"In earning NCCHC accreditation, the Fulton County Jail has demonstrated its commitment to quality, standards-based correctional health care," said Deborah Ross, CCHP, NCCHC Chief Executive Officer. "Accreditation is a voluntary process, and we commend the Fulton County Jail for successfully maintaining this distinction. The health of incarcerated people is a vitally important component of public health."

**ABOUT NAPHCARE** NaphCare partners with local, state, and federal government agencies nationwide to provide innovative healthcare, technology, and administrative solutions for complex problems within the correctional system. The company's industry-leading approach to correctional healthcare includes designing and implementing evidence-based clinical programs to address the specific challenges of the corrections environment. Above all, NaphCare aims to make a positive impact in the communities they serve. NaphCare is headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama. Additional information can be found on the company's website: [www.naphcare.com](http://www.naphcare.com).



**ABOUT THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE** The mission of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is to improve the quality of health care in jails, prisons, and juvenile confinement facilities. NCCHC establishes standards for health services in correctional facilities, operates a voluntary accreditation program for institutions that meet those standards, produces, and disseminates resource publications, conducts educational conferences, and offers a certification program for correctional health professionals. NCCHC is supported by the major national organizations representing the fields of health, mental health, law, and corrections. Each of those organizations has named a liaison to the NCCHC board of representatives to create a robust, multidisciplinary governing structure that reflects the complexities of correctional health care.

**ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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