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ERIE COUNTY PRISON ACCREDITED BY NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE

ERIE, PA – Erie County Prison has earned accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care by demonstrating compliance with NCCHC's nationally recognized standards of care for correctional health services in prisons. Accreditation recognizes Erie County Prison's commitment to providing quality health services for the incarcerated population.

To earn NCCHC accreditation, Erie County Prison underwent a rigorous professional assessment. During the assessment, a team of experienced physicians and experts in correctional health care surveyed the facility for compliance with prison-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.

"We have a constitutional obligation to provide health care to those incarcerated in our prison," said Erie County Prison Warden Kevin Sutter. "I salute the health care staff, custody staff, and leadership for their hard work and dedication on behalf of our patients," he added.

For 40 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.

"We are proud to lead one of the finest county prisons in the state if not the nation," said Erie County Executive Brenton Davis. We are thankful for all of the hard work and collaboration the prison leadership team had on this and the extra steps they take to make sure those incarcerated are receiving the best possible care," he added.

"In achieving NCCHC accreditation, Erie County 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 Erie County Prison for successfully undertaking this challenge. The health of incarcerated people is a vitally important component of public health."