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## **Yukon Continuing Care division receives accreditation of the highest standard**

WHITEHORSE—The Health and Social Services' Continuing Care division has been awarded accreditation with exemplary standing, the highest status awarded by Accreditation Canada. This exemplary standing marks excellence in meeting and surpassing the difficult requirements of accreditation. It also shows that Continuing Care remains dedicated to health care quality improvement.

"I am pleased to announce that the Continuing Care division has been acknowledged with such distinction and I extend my thanks to the staff for their continued compassion, commitment and dedication to providing quality care services to Yukoners," Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham said. "Achieving such a high level of accreditation is a wonderful accomplishment."

A three-day on-site survey was conducted in September 2012 as part of an ongoing process of quality improvement with Accreditation Canada. Throughout the review, employees at Copper Ridge Place, Thomson Centre, Macaulay Lodge, McDonald Lodge, as well as Palliative Care and Home Care services throughout the territory, were surveyed in all areas of health care performance. Evaluated areas include standards in leadership, infection prevention and control, home care services, long-term care services, palliative care services, and medication management.

"Yukon's Continuing Care division met 96 per cent of the standards set by Accreditation Canada, including its required organizational practices and 97 per cent of its high priority criteria," Graham added. "That is a remarkable achievement, placing our continuing care services among the best in Canada."

Accreditation Canada is a not-for-profit organization that sets national standards dedicated to improving quality and safety in health services. Accredited organizations undergo a thorough evaluation process in order to be awarded an accredited status. Yukon Continuing Care's accreditation is in effect until September 2015.

For more information about Accreditation Canada visit [www.accreditation.ca](http://www.accreditation.ca).

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