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## SHERIFF CHRISTIANSON'S INMATE HEALTHCARE TEAM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

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**MODESTO, CA** - The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department is pleased to announce a twoyear accreditation for their inmate medical healthcare provider, Correct Care Solutions.

Shortly after discussion at Tuesday morning's weekly Board of Supervisors meeting at Tenth Street Place, in which a consent calendar agenda item was addressed concerning the department's inmate healthcare situation, the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) notified the department that they have been accredited through June of 2012 for inmate health services at all Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department adult correctional facilities.

The accreditation reinforces what Sheriff Christianson has asserted all along: Correct Care Solutions is providing adequate oversight and management of inmate medical and mental health programs. The expectation is that the contracted medical provider will exceed state minimum standards by seeking an outside, independent accreditation through the IMQ.

In collaboration with Stanislaus County Chief Probation Officer Jerry Powers, and county public health officer Dr. Walker, the sheriff has demonstrated his commitment to maintaining the highest standards for inmate medical and mental health at Juvenile Hall and all three adult detention facilities. By conducting an exhaustive and thorough audit of inmate medical health records, Dr. Walker and his staff found files to be in order, with all of the necessary treatment documented in accordance with acceptable medical practices.

"We are very pleased with the services of Correct Care Solutions, our inmate medical healthcare provider," said Sheriff Christianson. As part of the ongoing and transparent process to ensure these acceptable practices continue, CCS will again undergo re-inspection in March of 2011.

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