

## **French Hospital Medical Center to Provide Free Mammogram Screenings to Central Coast Women**

*Clinic provides qualifying participants the opportunity for early detection*

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – October 5, 2015** – In recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC), a Dignity Health Member, in collaboration with SLO Noor Clinic, the Center, Planned Parenthood, and the Paso Robles Public Health Clinic, will hold two free mammogram clinics in October. These free clinics will be offered to women unable to qualify for state or federal programs to obtain this service.

Women interested in receiving a free mammogram must first make an appointment for a free clinical breast exam with one of our partners. Interested community members may schedule an appointment for a free clinical breast exam by calling:

- The Center, 705 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, 805.544.2478**
- Planned Parenthood, 743 Pismo Street, San Luis Obispo, 888.898.3806**
- SLO Noor Clinic, 1428 Phillips Lane, Suite B-4, San Luis Obispo, 805.439.1797**
- Paso Robles Public Health Clinic, 723 Walnut Drive, Paso Robles, 805.237.3050**

At the free clinical breast exam, qualified candidates will receive a referral for a free screening mammogram at the Women’s Health and Imaging Center at FHMC.

FHMC is proud to offer this opportunity in order to increase awareness and educate women about the importance of regular screenings, clinical breast exams and early detection. This free mammogram clinic is made possible by the generous Avon grant to the Hearst Cancer Resource Center and the collaboration of our partners.

For more information about our free screening mammograms or if you need to use our free transportation service for this event, please call 805.786.6130.

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Blue Distinction Centers (BDC) met overall quality measures for patient safety and outcomes, developed with input from the medical community. A Local Blue Plan may require additional criteria for facilities located in its own service area; for details, contact your Local Blue Plan. Blue Distinction Centers+ (BDC+) also met cost measures that address consumers' need for affordable healthcare. Each facility's cost of care is evaluated using data from its Local Blue Plan. Facilities in CA, ID, NY, PA, and WA may lie in two Local Blue Plans' areas, resulting in two evaluations for cost of care; and their own Local Blue Plans decide whether one or both cost of care evaluation(s) must meet BDC+ national criteria. National criteria for BDC and BDC+ are displayed on www.bcbs.com. Individual outcomes may vary. For details on a provider's in-network status or your own policy's coverage, contact your Local Blue Plan and ask your provider before making an appointment. Neither Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association nor any Blue Plans are responsible for non-covered charges or other losses or damages resulting from Blue Distinction or other provider finder information or care received from Blue Distinction or other providers.

### **About French Hospital Medical Center**

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, is rated one of the Top 100 Hospitals in the nation and one of the Top 50 Cardiac Hospitals in the nation by Thomson Reuters. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology on the Central Coast. The hospital's current modernization and redesign project is an example of the commitment to meet the growing needs of the community with lifesaving advancements in medicine coupled with excellent, compassionate care. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. French is a Dignity Health member of the Central Coast which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA and Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA. Dignity Health of the Central Coast is an integrated network of top quality hospitals, physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services including primary care offices, premier ambulatory surgery centers, technologically-advanced laboratories and imaging centers and a full service home health agency; all recognized for quality, safety and service. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities.