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### **O.R. NURSES, INC. AWARDED CERTIFICATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

*Memphis, Tennessee, December 8, 2007.* O.R. Nurses, Inc. has achieved the Gold Seal of Approval™ for health care staffing services from The Joint Commission.

O.R. Nurses, Inc. is a privately nurse owned and operated, temporary staffing healthcare agency, providing healthcare professionals to healthcare facilities locally, regionally and nationally. O.R. Nurses, Inc. completed the Joint Commission's comprehensive review process on December 7, 2007 in order to earn its Gold Seal of Approval™ for a two year term. Certification was awarded within 24 hours, due to the positive results of an extensive review of corporate processes, contracts with clients, personnel files of healthcare professionals and interviews with employees and customers.

Denise G. Burnett, RN, BSN - President, stated, "It's a great honor to receive the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™. Certification recognizes O.R. Nurses, Inc.'s dedication to providing healthcare professionals that are qualified to provide safe, high-quality care to patients. After over 19 years in the temporary staffing business, O.R. Nurses, Inc. has further validated the focus on excellence by earning this distinction. This is an achievement resulting from the hard work and dedication set forth by all of our employees, and we appreciate their efforts to ensure that O.R. Nurses, Inc. surpasses the standards necessary to continue excellence in temporary staffing."

Health care organizations that contract with O.R. Nurses, Inc. can look to this certification as an assurance that O.R. Nurses, Inc. demonstrates a commitment to providing and continuously improving quality services," says Michele Sacco, M.S., executive director, Health Care Staffing Services Certification, Joint Commission. The ongoing shortages of nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals have forced health care organizations to increasingly fill positions with temporary workers through contractual arrangements with staffing firms. To join O.R. Nurses, Inc. as a healthcare professional or request the services of healthcare professionals, go to [www.ornursesinc.com](http://www.ornursesinc.com) for further information.

The Joint Commission's certification program, launched in October 2004, offers an independent, comprehensive evaluation of a staffing firm's abilities to provide competent staffing services. Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to

continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about the Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).