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The medical center's palliative care program was honored with a commission's Gold Seal

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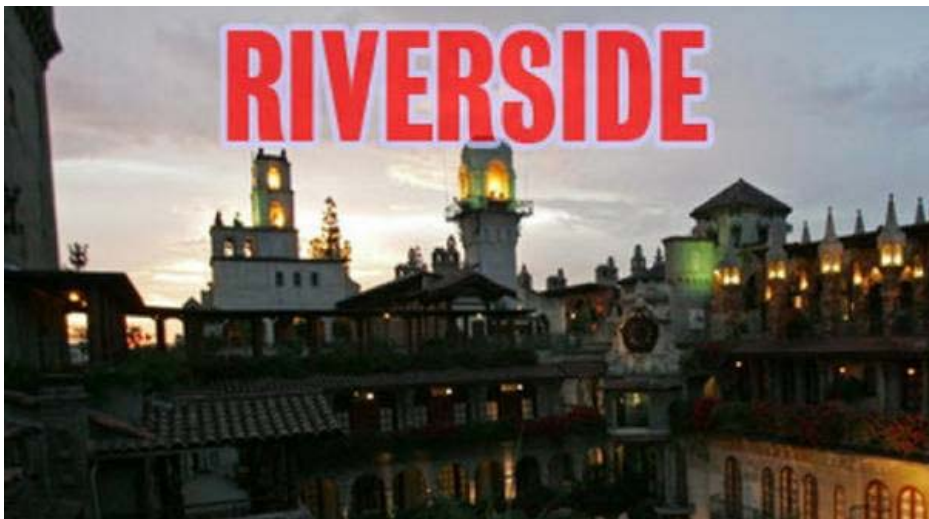
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Parkview Community Hospital has been awarded The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval — Center of Distinction for its palliative care program.

Palliative care is family-centered care that addresses the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of patients with serious illnesses. Parkview is one of only 20 hospitals in the nation to have achieved this award.

Parkview Community Hospital underwent a rigorous Joint Commission on-site review on Aug. 14.

"In achieving Joint Commission advanced certification, Parkview Community Hospital has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for patients with serious illness," says Michele Sacco, M.S. executive director, Advanced Certification for Palliative Care.

Tarek Mahdi, M.D., medical director of Parkview's Palliative Care program, along with a dedicated team, have worked together for five years to establish a program free to all hospital patients and their families needing help managing serious illnesses.

"Our Palliative Care program offers a coordinated service which optimizes the quality of life for patients with serious illness. We have the support of administration and a dedicated, caring team of nurses, social workers, case managers and a chaplain," Mahdi said.

Mahdi is board certified in family practice and fellowship-trained in palliative medicine. He is receiving the 2012 California Medical Association Robert D. Sparks, MD Leadership Award.

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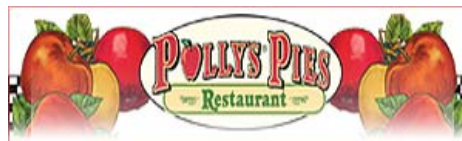
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