



# Accreditation Quality Report





Welcome to the Joint Commission's Quality Report. We know how important reliable information is to you and your family when making health care decisions. This Quality Report will help you make the right decisions to meet your needs. Since 1951, Joint Commission has been the national leader in setting standards for health care organizations. When a health care organization seeks accreditation, it demonstrates commitment to giving safe, high quality health care and to continually working to improve that care.

The Quality Report is only one way to determine whether a health care organization can meet your needs. Discuss this report with your doctor or with other professional acquaintances before making a care decision. In addition to the accreditation status of the organization, the Quality Report uses checks, pluses, and minuses in the key area of National Patient Safety Goals - safety guidelines that target the prevention of medical errors such as surgery on the wrong side of the body and safe medication use.

Not all measures are relevant to or available for all types of health care organizations. The Joint Commission will add relevant measures of health care quality as more measures become available. Your comments are just as important to us. The content and format of the Quality Report will be updated from time to time based on changes in the health care industry and your suggestions. Please call Customer Service at 630-792-5800 or e-mail the Joint Commission at [qualityreport@jointcommission.org](mailto:qualityreport@jointcommission.org) with your comments and suggestions.

Mark R. Chassin, MD, MPP, MPH  
President of the Joint Commission



## Summary of Quality Information

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Accreditation Programs	Accreditation Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Survey Date	Last On-Site Survey Date
Critical Access Hospital	Accredited	6/28/2018	6/27/2018	6/27/2018

### Accreditation programs recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Critical Access Hospital

Advanced Certification Programs	Certification Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Review Date	Last On-Site Review Date
Acute Stroke Ready Hospital	Certification	6/1/2017	5/3/2017	5/3/2017

### Special Quality Awards

2014 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®  
2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®  
2012 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®

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Critical Access Hospital

Reporting Period:  
Jul 2017 - Jun 2018

		Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations	
		Nationwide	Statewide
<b>2018 National Patient Safety Goals</b>			*
<b>National Quality Improvement Goals:</b>			
Emergency Department		<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
Immunization		<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>



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# Higgins General Hospital

DBA: Higgins General Hospital,  
200 Allen Memorial Drive, Bremen, GA

Org ID: 367530



## Locations of Care




### \* Primary Location

Locations of Care	Available Services
<b>Buchanan Medical Clinic</b> DBA: Buchanan Medical Clinic 30 Buchanan Bypass Buchanan, GA 30113	<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single Specialty Practitioner (Outpatient)</li> </ul>
<b>Higgins General Hospital *</b> 200 Allen Memorial Drive Bremen, GA 30110	<b>Joint Commission Advanced Certification Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acute Stroke Ready Hospital</li> </ul> <b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acute Care</li> <li>CT Scanner (Imaging/Diagnostic Services)</li> <li>EEG/EKG/EMG Lab (Imaging/Diagnostic Services)</li> <li>Gastroenterology (Surgical Services)</li> <li>GI or Endoscopy Lab (Imaging/Diagnostic Services)</li> <li>Mammography (Imaging/Diagnostic Services)</li> <li>Medical /Surgical Unit (Inpatient)</li> <li>Ophthalmology (Surgical Services)</li> <li>Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)</li> <li>Plastic Surgery (Surgical Services)</li> <li>Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) (Inpatient)</li> <li>Swing Beds</li> <li>Teleradiology (Imaging/Diagnostic Services)</li> <li>Ultrasound (Imaging/Diagnostic Services)</li> <li>Urology (Surgical Services)</li> </ul>
<b>Primary Care of Bremen</b> 201 Allen Memorial Drive Bremen, GA 30110	<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single Specialty Practitioner (Outpatient)</li> </ul>
<b>Tallapoosa Family Healthcare Center</b> 25 West Lyon Street Tallapoosa, GA 30176	<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single Specialty Practitioner (Outpatient)</li> </ul>
<b>Tanner Physical Therapy</b> 405 Alabama Avenue Bremen, GA 30110	<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient Clinics (Outpatient)</li> </ul>















## 2018 National Patient Safety Goals

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### Critical Access Hospital

Safety Goals	Organizations Should	Implemented
Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	
	Eliminating Transfusion Errors	
Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.	Timely Reporting of Critical Tests and Critical Results	
Reduce the harm associated with clinical alarm systems.	Use Alarms Safely on Medical Equipment	
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	
	Preventing Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Infections	
	Preventing Central-Line Associated Blood Stream Infections	
	Preventing Surgical Site Infections	
	Preventing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection	
Universal Protocol	Conducting a Pre-Procedure Verification Process	
	Marking the Procedure Site	
	Performing a Time-Out	



## National Quality Improvement Goals

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Measure Area	Explanation	Nationwide	Statewide
Emergency Department	This category of evidence based measures assesses the time patients remain in the hospital Emergency Department prior to inpatient admission.	2	2

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Accredited Organizations

Measure	Explanation	Hospital Results	Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations			
			Nationwide		Statewide	
			Top 10% Scored at Most:	Weighted Median:	Top 10% Scored at Most:	Weighted Median:
Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients	The amount of time (in minutes) it takes from the time the physician decides to admit a patient into the hospital from the Emergency Department until the patient actually leaves the ED to go to the inpatient unit.	2 51.00 minutes 373 eligible Patients	56.00	135.00	53.39	144.67
Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Admitted ED Patients	The amount of time (in minutes) from the time the patient arrives in the Emergency Department until the patient is admitted as an inpatient into the hospital.	2 236.00 minutes 373 eligible Patients	206.00	320.00	235.41	346.53



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Measure Area	Explanation	Nationwide	Statewide
Immunization	This evidence-based prevention measure set assesses immunization activity for pneumonia and influenza.	 2	 2

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Measure	Explanation					
		Hospital Results	Nationwide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:	Statewide Top 10% Scored at Least:	Average Rate:
Influenza Immunization	This prevention measure addresses acute care hospitalized inpatients age 6 months and older who were screened for seasonal influenza immunization status and were vaccinated prior to discharge if indicated.	  98% of 192 eligible Patients	100%	94%	100%	92%



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