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MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES AT HALIFAX REGIONAL PASS QUALITY TESTS

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (July 17, 2009)—Both the Federal and State governments have approved the mammography services offered at Roanoke Valley Women’s Imaging Center at Halifax Regional.

A mammogram is a special type of x-ray that is used to detect breast cancer. Mammograms help physicians find tumors and assist them in determining if tumors are benign or malignant.

“Approval by these government agencies of our mammogram services indicates that we provide excellent patient care,” said Karen Daniels, RN, vice president of nursing at Halifax Regional.

“The inspectors evaluated our entire mammography service, including radiation protection, qualifications of the staff, equipment and patient reports,” said Terry Mason, mammography supervisor. “There were no deficiencies.”

The Women’s Imaging Center also is accredited by the American College of Radiology.

Halifax Regional follows the guidelines of the American Cancer Society, which recommend women have annual mammograms beginning at age 40. “Early detection is the best protection,” said Mason, who noted that women have a one out of eight chance of developing breast cancer.

To schedule a mammogram, call 535-8888. The Roanoke Valley Women’s Imaging Center is located at Building C at Halifax Medical Park.

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Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 206 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.us.