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**SALLIE WEEMS RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A  
CERTIFIED CME PROFESSIONAL**

**CHANDLER and GILBERT, Ariz.** (January 15, 2010) – Sallie Weems, M.B.A., C.C.M.E.P., program manager for Catholic Healthcare West’s Office of Continuing Medical Education (OCME), recently received designation as a Certified CME Professional (CCMEP™) by the National Commission for Certification of CME Professionals (NC-CME).

NC-CME developed the first credential exclusively designed for persons employed in the broad field of continuing medical education in July 2008. Certification as a CCMEP™ is valued as an important measure of competence for the professionals who develop continuing education programs for more than 700,000 practicing physicians and 70,000 physician assistants throughout the United States.

“We are incredibly proud of Sallie’s achievement,” said Terry Happel, M.D., F.A.C.S., chief medical officer for Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers. He notes that Weems, who has been in the healthcare industry for more than 20 years, is one of 240 individuals in the nation to receive certification. “This sets Sallie apart and will enhance her ability to identify meaningful, ongoing educational opportunities for our physicians and staff.”

The exam for the certification captures a generalist view of the profession and tests what CME professionals need to know in order to reflect the highest standards in their work. The CCMEP™ credential is valid for three years.

To learn more about NC-CME and to view the National Registry of Certified CME Professionals, please visit [www.NC-CME.org](http://www.NC-CME.org).

**About Catholic Healthcare West**

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., is a system of 41 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest private hospital system in California. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of nearly 10,000 physicians and approximately 54,000 employees provides health care services to more than five million people annually. In 2009, CHW provided nearly \$1.2 billion in

charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at [www.chwHEALTH.org](http://www.chwHEALTH.org). CHW facilities in Arizona include Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute, CHW Urgent Cares in Ahwatukee, Gilbert and Queen Creek, Warner Outpatient Surgery and the Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital. For more information, please visit our Web site at [www.chwHEALTH.org](http://www.chwHEALTH.org).

#### **About Chandler Regional Medical Center**

Chandler Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed, acute-care, non-for-profit provider of emergency care, maternal child services, cardiovascular services, wound healing, cancer treatment, diabetes treatment, and diagnostic services. It is located at 475 S. Dobson Road (corner of Dobson Road and Frye Road) in Chandler. For more information, please visit [www.chandlerregional.org](http://www.chandlerregional.org) or call 480.728.3000. Chandler Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit [www.chwcareers.org/arizona](http://www.chwcareers.org/arizona). For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

#### **About Mercy Gilbert Medical Center**

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is located at the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Loop 202 (south of Pecos Road and east of Val Vista Drive). Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is a four-story, full-service acute-care facility with 206 beds. For more information, please visit [www.mercygilbert.org](http://www.mercygilbert.org) or call 480.728.8000. Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit [www.chwcareers.org/arizona](http://www.chwcareers.org/arizona). For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

#### **About NC-CME**

NC-CME is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization created in 2006 by an independent group of CME professionals committed to serving the public by creating a standard of competence for persons who create, deliver, and/or support CME programs. NC-CME is incorporated in New Mexico and operates under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. For further information, go to [www.NC-CME.org](http://www.NC-CME.org) or contact the Executive Director, Judy Ribble, at [jribble@NC-CME.org](mailto:jribble@NC-CME.org)