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Respass Receives Certified Diabetes Educator Status

(Washington, N.C.) –The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) recently announced that Tracey Respass, a Family Nurse Practitioner at Chocowinity Family Care, a division of Beaufort Regional Health System, achieved Certified Diabetes Educator® (CDE®) status by successfully completing the Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators.

Candidates must meet rigorous eligibility requirements to be able to take the Examination. Achieving certification status demonstrates to people with diabetes and employers that the health care professional possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes. Currently, there are over 16,600 diabetes educators who hold NCBDE certification.

Tracey has practiced as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Chocowinity Family Care since April 2007. She has always held an interest in diabetes education and has conducted several educational sessions and seminars. She continues to provide patient education in regards to diabetes management, disease process, lifestyle modification and treatment. She plans to organize a diabetic support group and additional education seminars.

Chocowinity Family Care offers comprehensive healthcare for the whole family — from newborns to seniors. Services include child and adolescent care, adult medicine, health maintenance and wellness screening, gynecological care, minor surgery and laceration repair, pre-employment and sports exams. The practice is accepting new patients. Chocowinity Family Care is located at 740 Bragaw Lane in Chocowinity and can be reached at 946-9562.

NCBDE was established in 1986 to develop and administer a certification program for health care professionals who teach individuals with diabetes how to manage their disease. Through the development, maintenance, and protection of the certification process and the CDE credential, NCBDE recognizes and advances the specialty practice of diabetes education. NCBDE supports the concept of voluntary, periodic certification for all diabetes educators who meet credential and experience eligibility requirements. For more information, visit the web site at www.ncbde.org or call the national office at 847-228-9795.

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