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Free Workshop on Health Care Power of Attorney Planned for Oct. 6

(Hendersonville, NC) The North Carolina Health Care Power of Attorney is a legal document where one person authorizes another to act on his/her behalf. It allows that authorized person to manage affairs and make health care decisions when one person is no longer able to do so. It may be helpful in situations of severe illness or mental incapacity.

Pardee Hospital and Compassion & Choices of Western North Carolina will offer a free workshop on the North Carolina Health Care Power of Attorney document from 1 until 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Pardee Health Education Center, located in the Blue Ridge Mall.

The workshop will begin with a presentation covering key aspects of the document and a question and answer session. Documents, witnesses and notaries will be available so participants are able to leave the workshop with their own power of attorney document that is legal in North Carolina. Participants should come prepared with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the people they would authorize to act on their behalf. In addition, they have the option to include the name of their personal physician in the document.

Compassion & Choices is a non-profit organization that provides help in completing advance directives, referrals to local services, guidance on effective pain and symptom control and legal counsel when care is not adequate. More information is available at www.compassionandchoices.org

For more information about this workshop, call Compassion & Choices at (828) 685-9995.

The Pardee Health Education Center is a unique community outreach program of the hospital that provides an array of services from health fairs and screenings to seminars and support groups. Last year, the center provided more than 10,000 free and low-cost screenings to community members.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

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