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**DEMPSEY UNIFORM & LINEN SUPPLY, INC.
ACHIEVES HLAC ACCREDITATION**

*Accreditation Provides Support for their Healthcare Customers'
Infection Control Programs*

Dempsey Uniform & Linen Supply has received accreditation—the industry’s highest rating on quality and safety—from the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC).

For Dempsey customers this accreditation provides additional assurance that their healthcare textiles are being processed by a company that adheres to the highest standards possible. “We believe accreditation makes us a better company,” says Vice President Kristin Dempsey.

HLAC is a non-profit organization that inspects and accredits laundries processing healthcare textiles for hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare facilities. HLAC’s mission is to publish high standards for processing healthcare textiles in laundries, and to provide an accreditation process that recognizes those laundries that meet these high standards. The decision to become accredited is completely voluntary.

The HLAC accreditation process was developed with several industry groups, including: American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services (ASHES), American Reusable Textiles Association (ARTA), Association for Linen Management (ALM), Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM), and Textile Rental Services Association of America (TRSA).

In 2010, CMS announced an increase in inspections of Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

- **Dempsey’s HLAC Accreditation can support compliance with CMS regulation 42 CFR 416.51(b) Infection Control.**
- **Dempsey’s Certificate of Accreditation and a copy of the HLAC Accreditation Standards can support compliance with CMS regulation 42 CFR §416.41(a) Contract Services Guidelines.**

If you are interested in learning more about how Dempsey can provide a high-quality, accredited laundry program, please contact Dempsey Uniform & Linen Supply, Inc. at 800-378-8060.