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### **CALENDER AND MCGEE GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT**

WHITFIELD—Several employees at Mississippi State Hospital have recently graduated from the College of Direct Support, a web-based learning curriculum used by more than 35 states and three countries.

Linda Calender and Zomora McGee graduated from the College of Direct Support in March. Calender, a resident of Pearl, is a Medical Health Tech who has worked at the hospital for 15 years. McGee, a resident of Jackson, works in patient care in the hospital's Inpatient Services Division.

The College of Direct Support courses are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, which allows professionals to learn at their own pace and convenience. The long-distance learning program is designed to enhance the skills of individuals who serve in direct care positions with patients. The curriculum is also updated constantly so that participants have access to the most up-to-date information. Some of the courses offered include Direct Support Professionalism, Documentation, Introduction to Medication Support and Working with Families and Support Networks.

*MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. Accredited by the Joint Commission, MSH is the largest hospital in Mississippi and the largest public psychiatric facility in the United States.*

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### **PHOTO ATTACHED:**

**Linda Calender and Zomora McGee CDS graduates – Pictured are (l to r) Mississippi State Hospital employees Linda Calender and Zomora McGee. Calender and McGee both recently graduated from the College of Direct Support, a web-based learning curriculum designed to enhance the skills of those employees who serve in direct care positions with hospital patients.**