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Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice Named as a Top Agency of the 2017 ABILITY | HomeCare Elite

Ottawa, OH, November 3, 2017 — Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice today announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2017 HomeCare Elite®, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For 12 years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlighted the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall.

The ranking is developed by ABILITY® Network, a leading information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare; and sponsored by DecisionHealth, publisher of *Home Health Line* and the *Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual*.

“The team at Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice has demonstrated an impressive ability to deliver great patient care,” said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. “This is due to the skill and dedication of their clinical professionals, as well as the proficiency and efforts of their quality team tracking, measuring and interpreting the data that supports the delivery of care. Together, they have earned this recognition as one of the top home care agencies in the country.”

Gretchen Lammers, RN, Nursing Supervisor, Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice, credits the agency working as a team, from the nurses to support staff in conjunction with quality/process improvement efforts in order to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. **"I am so proud of our team. They are an awesome bunch delivering great care to the patients we serve," said Dr. Mary Ann Myers, MD.**

“Congratulations to those leading agencies that earned a spot on HomeCare Elite,” said Marci Heydt, senior content manager for DecisionHealth. **“Putnam County Homecare & Hospice** and its peers have worked hard to improve quality outcomes while maintaining solid profit margins, which is increasingly difficult as home health agencies faced increased regulatory burdens each year.”

HomeCare Elite agencies are determined by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, best practices implementation, patient experience (HHCAHPS), quality improvement and consistency, and financial health. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least three outcomes in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,064 agencies considered, 2,268 are recognized on the 2017 HomeCare Elite winners list overall.

The entire list of 2017 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at abilitynetwork.com/homecare-elite.

About Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice

Putnam County HomeCare was established in 1966. For over 50 years, the agency has been caring for Putnam County's recovering, disabled, and chronically ill. The philosophy of Putnam County HomeCare is to ensure quality care and continuity of services for the individuals we serve. In support of this philosophy, the agency is dedicated to providing comprehensive, high-quality, individual and family-oriented home care. The focus of care is to meet each individual's personalized needs by developing a Plan of Care respectful of an individual's choice, while striving to obtain optimal outcomes. The Agency is also dedicated to health care education for the individuals, the families, and the community.

About ABILITY Network

ABILITY® Network is a leading healthcare information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare through innovative applications and data analytics. ABILITY is headquartered in Minneapolis with principal offices in Boston and Tampa. For more information visit www.abilitynetwork.com or write to resources@abilitynetwork.com.

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About H3.Group

In March 2017, Simplify Compliance LLC announced the merger of DecisionHealth, LLC with existing brands HCPro and HealthLeaders Media, to form the H3.Group! H3.Group, with its three pillars of thought leadership, expertise, and application, provides critical insight, analysis, tools and training to healthcare organizations nationwide empowering today's healthcare professionals with solution-focused information and intelligence to guide their organizations' efforts in achieving compliance, financial performance, leadership, and organizational excellence. The creation of the H3.Group comes as healthcare faces an unprecedented period of transition that brings uncertainty and opportunity. As policies and regulations are revisited and payment models changed, the need for clarity, actionable guidance and expert training for all provider settings and functional areas will increase dramatically.

About DecisionHealth

For over 30 years, DecisionHealth, an H3.Group brand, has served as the industry's leading source for news, analysis and instructional guidance with brand names such as Home Health Line and Part B News. Our unique blend of award-winning on-staff journalists and unmatched access to health care executives, providers and their administrative staffs results in business management advice and operationally focused editorial that has captured the attention of nearly 100,000 home health care professionals and specialty physician practices.

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