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Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice Named as a Top Agency of the 2019 ABILITY HomeCare Elite

Ottawa, OH, October 21, 2019 — Putnam County Homecare & Hospice announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2019 HomeCare Elite®, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For 14 years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies.

The ranking is developed by ABILITY® Network, a leading information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare. It is sponsored by DecisionHealth, part of the H3.Group.

"We're pleased to recognize Putnam County Homecare & Hospice for exemplifying best practice in patient care," said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. "Putnam County Homecare & Hospice's home health professionals have demonstrated exceptional commitment to care quality and the patient experience."

Emily Recker, RN, BSN, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice, credits the entire team at Putnam County HomeCare for working together to provide the best care to our patients, which is reflected by our patient experience survey responses. Implementing best practices, ongoing education, and quality improvement efforts contributed to the agency's ability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. "Being named HomeCare Elite is a tribute to the whole team for the hard work they do. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing staff to care for all our patients," said Gretchen Lammers, RN, Nursing Supervisor.

"Congratulations to Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice from all of the staff at DecisionHealth," said Marci Geipe, product manager for Decision Health. "Your leadership and staff have placed a premium on the patient care your agency provides as showcased by your quality outcome scores. The entire community benefits from the compassion that your staff shows toward your patients, leading to cost savings for the entire healthcare system."

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 8,818 agencies considered, 2,207 are recognized on the 2019 HomeCare Elite winners list overall.

The entire list of 2019 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 patients after an injury or illness. 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. Putnam County HomeCare has been recognized on the HomeCare Elite list 11 out of 14 years.

About ABILITY Network

ABILITY Network, an Inovalon Company, is a leading cloud-based, SaaS information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare through innovative applications and data analytics. The combination of myABILITY and the Inovalon ONE® Platform creates a vertically integrated cloud-based platform empowering the achievement of real-time value-based care from payers, manufacturers and diagnostics, all the way to the patient's point of care. For more information, visit www.abilitynetwork.com or write to resources@abilitynetwork.com. For more information about HomeCare Elite, call 888.572.4009, write to homecareelite@abilitynetwork.com or visit http://www.abilitynetwork.com/homecare-elite.

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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