

Partners HealthCare at Home named to 2010 HomeCare Elite



Waltham, MA, November 2, 2010 — Partners HealthCare at Home today announced that it has been named to the 2010 HomeCare Elite, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Now in its fifth year, the HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of agencies and further highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement, and financial performance. This is the second consecutive year Partners HealthCare at Home has earned this prestigious recognition.

"The 2010 HomeCare Elite winners continue to demonstrate a commitment to providing their patients with the best possible care while performing at the highest level," said Amanda Twiss, CEO of OCS HomeCare. "We congratulate Partners HealthCare at Home on being one of the top home care agencies in the country. In addition, we salute all forward-thinking providers who are already working on measuring and improving their performance using OASIS-C outcomes and process measures and HH-CAHPS results. This important data will also be used in identifying the HomeCare Elite in the future."

"To be rated among the top 25 percent of home health care agencies in the country is such an outstanding achievement and aligns with our mission to provide the highest quality care at home," said Susan M. Beausoliel, RN, MS, vice president of operations, Partners HealthCare at Home. "Our staff uphold the highest standards in delivering world-class home-based care and have unmatched commitment to our patients' well-being. This Elite status reflects their commitment, as well as the improved quality of life they bring to our patients."

"On the fifth anniversary of HomeCare Elite, DecisionHealth would like to congratulate all of the winners who have achieved excellent clinical and financial outcomes, especially during times of such drastic regulatory changes," added Marci Heydt, executive editor of DecisionHealth's *Home Health Line*.

The 2010 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2010 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry by OCS HomeCare, the leading provider of homecare information, and DecisionHealth, publisher of homecare's most respected independent newsletter *Home Health Line*. The data used for this analysis were compiled from publicly available information. The entire list of the 2010 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed by visiting the OCS HomeCare website at www.ocshomecare.com.

About Partners HealthCare at Home

Partners HealthCare at Home (formerly Partners Home Care) is one of the region's largest non-profit home health care providers, offering a full array of home health care, hospice and private care services in homes, assisted living communities, and nursing homes throughout Eastern Massachusetts. The organization is committed to delivering the highest quality services available at home – where the comfort and security of familiar surroundings greatly enhance quality of life. PHH was named to the 2009 and 2010 HomeCare Elite list of the nation's top 25 percent of home health agencies. Partners HealthCare at Home is a member of Partners HealthCare, an integrated health care system founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. For more information please visit www.partnersathome.org.

About OCS HomeCare

As the industry leader in benchmarking, reporting and analytics, OCS HomeCare empowers home health and hospice organizations with results-driven data intelligence, plus the largest and most accurate comparative database. Homecare providers, payers, associations, government agencies, vendors, and consultants all turn to OCS HomeCare to elevate decision-making, raise the bar on results, and bring home positive outcomes. For more information about OCS HomeCare, please visit www.ocshomecare.com or call 888.325.3396.

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