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Advantage Home Care Awarded Home Care Accreditation from The Joint Commission

The Gold Seal of Approval® for quality of care

Wyomissing, Pa. July 2017– Advantage Home Care, a non-profit organization of Home Health Care Management (HHCM) that offers private duty assistance, has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Home Care Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with The Joint Commission’s performance standards.

“This accreditation shows our commitment to strengthening the continuum of care and delivering optimal home care services to the communities we serve,” said Constance Morrison, president and CEO, Advantage Home Care / HHCM and its family of non-profit agencies including Berks Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Visiting Nurse Association of Pottstown and Vicinity (Pottstown VNA). “We are incredibly proud to be one of the only home care organizations to be JC accredited in Central PA.”

The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects Advantage Home Care’s commitment to providing safe and effective care. To receive the accreditation, Advantage Home Care underwent a rigorous onsite survey, where compliance with home care standards reflecting key organization areas was evaluated. It focused on Advantaged Home Care’s provision of care, treatment and services, emergency management, human resources, individual rights and responsibilities, and leadership.

Highly regarded in the industry, The Joint Commission’s home care standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, home care providers and researchers, as well as industry experts, purchasers and consumers. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

“When individuals engage a home care provider they want to be sure that provider is capable of providing safe, quality care,” said Margherita Labson, RN, MS, executive director, Home Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. “As the home care setting becomes increasingly popular, it is important that home care providers are able to demonstrate that they are capable of providing safe, high-quality care. Accreditation by The Joint Commission serves as an

indication that the organization has demonstrated compliance to these recognized standards of safe and quality care.”

Advantage Home Care joins more than 6,000 home care programs with current accreditation, and will hold the accreditation for three years.

“The education and guidance our staff garnered throughout this process has been quite valuable in the tools and insights we’ll continue using to improve our performance and maintain our momentum as we move forward to set the highest of standards for home care in our region,” said Morrison.

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About The Joint Commission

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

About Home Health Care Management, Inc. | Advantage Home Care

Home Health Care Management, Inc. (HHCM), a Pennsylvania-registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the parent and management organization for Berks Visiting Nurse Association (Berks VNA), Pottstown VNA, Visiting Nurse Association of Pottstown and Vicinity (Pottstown VNA), and Advantage Home Care. The mission of HHCM and its subsidiaries is to provide care for people in their home of choice and in a healthy community.

Collectively, they serve seven counties in southeastern Pennsylvania. Pottstown and Berks VNAs provide advanced nursing and therapies (physical, occupational and speech), medical social work, dietician services and hospice. Their specialty programs include Congestive Heart Failure Disease Management, Diabetes Disease Management, COPD Management, Wound Ostomy and Continence Care, IV therapies, Telehealth/Telemonitoring, Psychiatric/Mental Health Home Care, Palliative Care and Hospice.

Advantage Home Care offers private duty assistance for the elderly and individuals suffering from an illness, in need of long-term care, or in-home help including new mothers. For more information, please visit www.everythinghomecare.org or call 1.855.THE.VNAs.