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Utah Home Health Agencies Receive Award for Quality Care *HealthInsight Program Encourages Excellence in Patient Care*

Salt Lake City —Twenty-one home health agencies have been awarded the 2011 *HealthInsight Quality Award* for excellence in patient care. *HealthInsight*, a private, non-profit community based organization dedicated to improving the healthcare systems of Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah, sponsors the award. The home health agencies were selected for demonstrating high quality health care and excellence in performance on publicly reported quality of care measures and other specified quality markers. These measures come from data that are voluntarily reported by home health agencies across the nation. The national home health rankings used to select recipients are available by visiting www.healthinsight.org.

Home health agencies selected for the *HealthInsight Quality Award* this year are:

- Alta Meadows Healthcare – *Salt Lake City*
- Amedisys Home Health of St. George - *St. George*
- Applegate HomeCare and Hospice - *Ogden*
- Aspen Ridge Home Health - *Murray*
- Caregiver Support Network – *Salt Lake City*
- Central Valley Home Health – *Nephi*
- At Home Nursing Care (formerly Christus HomeCare-St. Joseph) - *Murray*
- Community Nursing Services - *Murray*
- Gentiva Health Services – *St. George*
- Good Shepherd Home Care and Hospice - *Vernal*
- Gunnison Valley Home Health and Hospice – *Gunnison*
- HealthSouth Home Health of Utah – *Sandy*
- Hearts for Hospice – *Ogden*
- Integrity Home Health – *Brigham City*
- Intermountain Home Care - *Mt. Pleasant*
- Millcreek Home Health and Hospice – *Salt Lake City*
- Rocky Mountain Home Care – *Murray*
- Southern Utah Home Care & Hospice– *St. George*
- Sunbrook Home Health - A Curo Company - *Midvale*
- Superior Home Care and Hospice – *Murray*
- Zion's Way Home Health & Hospice – *St. George*

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The *HealthInsight Quality Award* program was launched in September 2004 to promote transparency in health care. According to the Institute of Medicine, transparency in health care is defined as a system that is “accountable to the public, works openly, makes results known, and builds trust through disclosure.” By using available quality data to identify high performing providers and publicizing the results, *HealthInsight* aims to help providers improve health care and help patients become more active and informed participants in that care.

"We are honored to commend these outstanding home health agencies that exemplify the improvement of healthcare quality and outcomes for the residents of our state," said Marc Bennett, *HealthInsight* President and CEO. "Their commitment to excellence in healthcare delivery is evidenced by their achievement of this award."

The home health quality information is available by visiting www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

About HealthInsight

HealthInsight is a private, non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to improving health and health care that is composed of locally governed organizations in three western states: Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. The HealthInsight enterprise holds contracts, grants and accreditation in key areas of healthcare improvement. This work includes an Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research Chartered Value Exchange (Nevada, Utah); Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (Nevada, New Mexico, Utah); Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Aligning Forces for Quality (New Mexico); Office for the National Coordinator (ONC) Beacon Community (Utah); Medicaid External Quality Review Organization (New Mexico); Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (Utah, Nevada; New Mexico subcontractor); Community-based Health Information Exchange (Nevada); Prescription Improvement Coalition (New Mexico); Utah HealthScape (Utah); and URAC accreditation (Nevada). HealthInsight is a recognized leader in quality improvement; transparency and public reporting; health information technology programs; healthcare system delivery and payment reform efforts; and human factors science research and application. Visit our website at www.healthinsight.org.

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