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STAT Home Health Once Again Named to Prestigious HomeCare Elite List

Baton Rouge, LA, November 13, 2013 — STAT Home Health today announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2013 HomeCare Elite™, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Now in its eighth year, the HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience (*Home Health CAHPS*®), quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,969 agencies considered, 2,496 are elite.

STAT's West, North and Central Louisiana offices all ranked in the Top 25% of agencies nationwide while STAT's Northwest Louisiana office ranked in the Top 500. STAT provides services throughout Louisiana and also has an office in Pensacola, Florida.

The award is sponsored by OCS HomeCare by National Research Corporation, the leading provider of home health metrics and analytics, and DecisionHealth, publisher of the most respected independent newsletter in the home health profession, Home Health Line.

"The 2013 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing patient-centered care and serving as leaders in the home health community. Their success is a

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tribute that managing healthcare data and utilizing it for improvement initiatives lead to high quality care, and we recognize them for their outstanding achievements,” said Mary Oakes, senior vice president of post-acute at National Research. *“We congratulate STAT Home Health for being consistently recognized as a top home care agency.”*

STAT is locally owned and operated and is a division of St. Joseph Holdings, which also operates St. Joseph Hospice, The Carpenter House, Capitol House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Sage Rehabilitation & Outpatient Services.

STAT Home Health’s Chief Executive Officer, Pat Mitchell, credits STAT’s highly skilled and well-trained staff for the excellent outcomes STAT’s achieved to consistently remain on this list year after year. *“Our staff is dedicated to ensuring care is provided in the most effective manner possible ... providing good outcomes in health for the patient while being cognizant of the cost required for care,”* said Mitchell.

“HomeCare Elite recognition is a significant acknowledgement. The shift from fee-for-service to pay-for-performance payment models is reshaping the healthcare profession. And home health is proving to be an integral part of the continuum. In the face of value-based purchasing and care delivery model changes, the metrics that make up HomeCare Elite methodology shine an accountable light on an industry that may be the lynch pin to achieving affordable care at home,” said Marci Heydt, Product Manager for the post-acute care business group of DecisionHealth.

The entire list of 2013 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the National Research Corporation website at www.nationalresearch.com/homecareelite.

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