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PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE'S HOSPICE PROGRAM RECEIVES CHAP ACCREDITATION.

Baltimore, MD - March 12, 2009 Professional Healthcare Resources, Inc., a home health and hospice provider with branches in Virginia, Washington DC, and Maryland, is pleased to announce that its hospice program has been accredited by CHAP (the Community Health Accreditation Program), the premier accrediting organization for the home care industry.

The accreditation process involved an in depth review of the company's clinical practices, regulatory compliance, and fiscal responsibility. CHAP's goal is to objectively validate the excellence of community health care practice by measuring the delivery of quality services. It also seeks to assist the public in the selection of community health services and providers with the highest standards of care.

Professional Healthcare's Director of Hospice, Geovani Bonilla, said "There is no easy way for patients, families and doctors to compare the quality of care offered by different hospice providers. CHAP accreditation is proof that our staff not only meet but exceed the Medicare requirements for quality hospice care."

Robin Dowell, RN, Branch Administrator for Professional Healthcare's Baltimore branch, stated "CHAP accreditation is a testament to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to ensure the physical, emotional and spiritual comfort of our patients and their families." The CHAP accreditation process was conducted in the company's Baltimore branch. Formerly St. Agnes Home Care and Hospice, the branch was acquired by Professional Healthcare in 2007.

Professional Healthcare received CHAP accreditation for its home health service line in 2007 and is pleased that hospice has also received this respected recognition.

About Professional Healthcare Resources

Professional Healthcare is the largest independent home care firm in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Founded in 1994, we provide home health care, hospice, and private duty personal care services to over 1,500 patients each day. The company is headquartered in Annandale, Virginia, and operates eight branches throughout the tri-state area: four in Virginia (Annandale, Norfolk, Richmond, and Roanoke), three in Maryland (Baltimore, Bethesda, and

Lanham) and one in Washington, DC. Our mission is *“To provide high quality home healthcare and hospice services to more people”*. For more information visit our website at www.phri.com.

About CHAP

CHAP (The Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc.) is a non-profit accrediting body, headquartered in Washington, DC. Founded in 1965, CHAP was the first accrediting body for community-based healthcare organizations. CHAP was granted “deeming authority” by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CHAP has regulatory authorization to survey agencies providing home health and hospice services, to determine whether they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation (COPs). For more information please visit www.chapinc.org.