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PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP HOMECARE PROVIDERS IN THE NATION FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW.

Annandale, VA November 9, 2009. Professional Healthcare Resources, one of the largest home care, and hospice agencies in Virginia, Washington DC, and Maryland, has again been named to the Homecare Elite list of the top home care agencies in the United States.

The 2009 list was announced in October 2009 at the National Association for Homecare & Hospice annual meeting held in Los Angeles, California. The annual selection is made by Outcomes Concepts Systems, Inc (OCS), a Seattle, WA based healthcare information company, and DecisionHealth®, a Rockville, MD based healthcare publisher.

The selecting organizations rank the agencies through analysis of quality outcomes, quality improvement and financial performance using Medicare data.

The list identifies the Top 25%, Top 500, and Top 100 agencies out of more than 8,000 agencies nationwide. Our Washington, DC and Bethesda, MD branches both were listed in the 2009 Top 500. The Washington, DC branch has been consistently chosen for either the Top 100 or Top 500 since the Homecare Elite list's inception in 2006. Other Professional Healthcare branches in the 2009 Top 25% were Annandale, VA, Lanham, MD, Richmond, VA, and Norfolk, VA.

"The 2009 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing their patients with the best possible care while performing at the highest level," said Nancy Buller, Senior Director of Marketing Communications at OCS HomeCare. "We congratulate **Professional Healthcare Resources** on being one of the top home care agencies in the country."

Ron DeCesare, CEO of Professional Healthcare, remarked "This is the fourth year in a row that at least three-quarters of Professional Healthcare's branches have made it into the Homecare Elite. I am proud to lead a team that exemplifies the best quality in healthcare today for our patients."

#### **About Professional Healthcare Resources, Inc.**

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](http://www.phri.com).

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