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Hydeland Home Care Agency Named to 2009 HomeCare Elite as a Top Home Health Care Provider

Swan Quarter, NC, November 2, 2009 —**Hydeland Home Care Agency** today announced that it has been named to the 2009 HomeCare Elite, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. This annual review identifies the top 25 percent of agencies and further highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement and financial performance.

"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 Hydeland Home Care Agency on being one of the top home care agencies in the country."

Hyde County Health Director Wesley P. Smith credits a dedicated and knowledgeable staff with the company's ability to rank as one of the HomeCare Elite. He said, "Hyde County is a close-knit community where everyone knows their neighbor, and our staff will do the 'little things' not normally done in larger communities. We take pride in the fact that our agency has been recognized as a HomeCare Elite winner for the second year in a row."

"DecisionHealth would like to congratulate the top HomeCare Elite agencies that achieved excellent clinical and financial outcomes by providing quality care to their patients," adds Marci Heydt, Executive Editor of DecisionHealth's *Home Health Line*.

The 2009 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2009 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry by OCS HomeCare, the leading provider of homecare information, and DecisionHealth, publisher of homecare's most respected independent newsletter *Home Health Line*. The data used for this analysis were compiled from publicly available

information. The entire list of the 2009 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed by visiting the OCS web site at www.ocshomecare.com.

About Hydeland Home Care Agency

Hydeland Home Care Agency is a Medicare certified home health agency serving Hyde, Beaufort and Washington counties since 1987. The agency provides service in the home where patients can remain as independent as possible in comfortable and familiar surroundings, and accepts Medicare, Medicaid, most insurance plans and private pay. The agency provides skilled nursing services, Physical and Occupational Therapy services, nursing assistant and aide services (Home health and the Medicaid programs, Community Alternative Program [CAP] and Personal Care Services [PCS] and Homemaker program); medical supplies; arrangement for durable medical equipment; infusion and parental therapy, with 24 hour and weekend coverage.

About OCS HomeCare

OCS HomeCare empowers home health and hospice organizations with results-driven data intelligence, plus the largest and most accurate homecare database in the industry. Homecare providers, payers, associations, government agencies, vendors and consultants all turn to OCS to evaluate decision-making, raise the bar on results, and bring home positive outcomes. For more information about OCS HomeCare, please visit www.ocshomecare.com or call 888-325-3396.

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