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Cedar Community Named Among the 2019 ABILITY HomeCare Elite

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West Bend – January 30, 2020 – Cedar Community is proud to announce it has been named to the Top 500, of more than 8,000 agencies nationwide, of the 2019 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For 14 years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of agencies and highlighted the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall.

The ranking is developed by ABILITY® Network, a leading information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare; and sponsored by DecisionHealth, part of the H3.Group.

"We're pleased to recognize Cedar Community for exemplifying best practice in patient care," said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. "Cedar Community's home health professionals have demonstrated exceptional commitment to care quality and the patient experience."

Jessica Melstrand BSN, RN, Cedar Home Health Administrator, credits highly qualified and skilled team members and their commitment to delivering individualized, comprehensive, quality care with the organization's capability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. "Cedar Community Home Health is committed to excellence on every level. To be able to make a difference in how our patients and families experience life, is the reason we do what we do", said Jessica Melstrand

"Congratulations to Cedar Community from all of the staff at DecisionHealth," said Marci Geipe, product manager at DecisionHealth. "Your leadership and staff have placed a premium on the patient care your agency provides, as showcased by your quality outcome scores. The entire community benefits from the compassion that your staff shows toward your patients, leading to cost savings for the entire healthcare system."

HomeCare Elite agencies are determined by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, best practices implementation, patient experience, quality improvement and consistency, and financial health. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least three outcomes in Home Health Compare. Out of 8,818 agencies considered, 2,207 are recognized on the 2019 HomeCare Elite winners list overall. The entire list of 2019 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at abilitynetwork.com/homecare-elite.

For more information on Cedar Community Home Care, call 262.306.2691.

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About Cedar Community

Enjoy, explore and embrace your best life!

Live more at Cedar Community, where their natural settings, faith-based mission and high-quality services afford seniors the opportunity to live a more purposeful, fulfilled life among family and friends. From beautiful homes and apartments for active and independent retirees, to assisted living, short-term care and rehabilitation, skilled nursing and memory loss services, Cedar Community is the only community in Washington County where people age 55 and better have the peace of mind, knowing the services they may need are right there, provided by a team of professionals they know and trust.

About ABILITY® Network

ABILITY Network, an Inovalon Company, is a leading cloud-based, SaaS information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare through innovative applications and data analytics. The combination of myABILITY and the Inovalon ONE® Platform creates a vertically integrated cloud-based platform empowering the achievement of real-time value-based care from payers, manufacturers and diagnostics, all the way to the patient's point of care.

About H3.Group

In March 2017, Simplify Compliance LLC announced the merger of DecisionHealth, LLC with existing brands HCPro and HealthLeaders Media, to form the H3.Group! H3.Group, with its three pillars of thought leadership, expertise, and application, provides critical insight, analysis, tools, and training to healthcare organizations nationwide empowering today's healthcare professionals with solution-focused information and intelligence to guide their organizations' efforts in achieving compliance, financial performance, leadership, and organizational excellence. The creation of the H3.Group comes as healthcare faces an unprecedented period of transition that brings uncertainty and opportunity. As policies and regulations are revisited and payment models changed, the need for clarity, actionable guidance, and expert training for all provider settings and functional areas will increase dramatically.

About DecisionHealth

For over 30 years, DecisionHealth, an H3.Group brand, has served as the industry's leading source for news, analysis, and instructional guidance with brand names such as Home Health Line and Part B News. Their unique blend of award-winning on-staff journalists and unmatched access to health care executives, providers, and their administrative staffs results in business management advice and operationally focused editorial that has captured the attention of nearly 100,000 home health care professionals and specialty physician practices.