

Health and Medicine

2009 HomeCare Elite as a Top Home Health Care Provider

Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. 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 Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. on being one of the top home care agencies in the country."

Jill Over, CEO, credits the VNA's highly skilled clinical staff and the company culture of integrity with the company's ability to rank as one of the HomeCare Elite. She said, "The people within our organization have worked very hard to achieve this honor. We have always known that we are a high quality healthcare provider but it is very uplifting to have our belief affirmed by professional organizations such as OCS and DecisionHealth."

"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 home care information, and DecisionHealth, publisher of homecare's most respected independent newsletter Home Health Line. The data used for this analysis was 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.

The VNA is a community based not-for-profit organization with a mission to provide quality home care services to eligible individuals regardless of ability to pay. The VNA has been based in Clarion County for more than 35 years and has had an office in Forest County for almost 30 years. In addition to home health services such as nursing and therapy, the VNA also has a hospice program and maintains a hospice house. CFVNA is affiliated with VNA Extended Care, which provides home companion services, private duty nurses, an Adult Daily Living Center and annual public flu clinics. Each year the VNA provides care to approximately 1500 individuals in Clarion and Forest Counties and surrounding areas. CFVNA is a member of Visiting Nurse Associa-

tions of America (VNAA), Pennsylvania Homecare Association (PHA), Pennsylvania Hospice Network (PHN), Pennsylvania Adult Day Services Association (PADSA) and the United Way of Clarion County.

OCS HomeCare empowers home health and hospice organizations with results-driven data intelligence, plus the largest and most accurate homecare database in the industry.

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