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CATAWBA COUNTY HOME HEALTH RECEIVES TWO NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

The Catawba County Home Health Agency (CCHHA) proudly announces its award of accreditation status by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC), for the services of in-home skilled nursing care, physical therapy, occupation therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker, and home health aides. CCHHA is a division of Catawba County Public Health and has provided quality services to the community for 35 years.

ACHC, a private, not-for-profit corporation which is certified with quality standards, was developed by home care and community-based providers to help companies improve business operations and the quality of patient care

Accreditation is a voluntary activity through which healthcare organizations submit to peer review of their internal policies, processes and patient care delivery, against national standards. By attaining accreditation, CCHHA has demonstrated its commitment to maintaining a higher level of competency and striving for excellence in its services and customer satisfaction.

"The survey process leads an organization to examine its policies and practices continually to clarify its strengths and improve its weaknesses," ACHC President Tom Cesar noted.

Since 1973, CCHHA, with over 35 full and part time staff, has been providing skilled medical services to people of all ages who do not necessarily need hospitalization, but require medical and therapeutic care due to illness or injury. CCHHA provided over 22,000 home visits during 2006-2007 and is committed to maintaining patient independence, as well as educating family members and care givers on proper in-home care for individual patients' illness or injury.

CCHHA has again received national recognition for being in the top 25% of all home health agencies in the United States. OCS Inc., a leading healthcare firm, performed a compilation of the most successful home care providers based on available data from Home Health Compare Outcome Measures, a Quality Improvement Index and State Cost Report Data for financial performance measures. Each agency's performance was compared against the performance of other organizations in their state and in the United States. Catawba County Home Health was the only Home Care Agency in Catawba County and the Unifour area to be recognized by OCS Inc. as a "Home Care Elite".

"There are approximately 7500 home care agencies in the United States, and to be named in the top 25% is a tremendous achievement," said Alice Layne, RN, Catawba County Home Health Agency Program Manager. We are proud and honored to be a part of such a select list and feel that speaks volumes about our quality of services and performance."

To make a referral or learn more about Catawba County Home Health services, please call (828) 695-5800 or visit the web page at www.catawbacountync.gov.



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