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ACHC and LMHPCO Renew Support for Hospice and Palliative Care Providers

Cary, NC - Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) announces its partnership renewal with Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (LMHPCO). Founded in 2001, LMHPCO supports a network of hospice agencies and seeks to improve end-of-life care and services through research, professional education, public awareness, and advocacy.

"This past year has shown the value of organizations like LMHPCO and the important work they are doing for their provider networks," said Susan Mills, ACHC Associate Clinical Director. "Their commitment to improving the quality of hospice and palliative care during the COVID-19 pandemic has been crucial to helping providers stay informed on changing regulations. We are proud to continue our partnership with them."

"We're excited to continue to partner with ACHC," said Jamey Boudreaux, LMHPCO Executive Director. "I believe this partnership helps us to further our mission to improve hospice and palliative care in Louisiana and Mississippi."

Tiwana O'Rear, President of LMHPCO, added, "We're proud to partner with ACHC. ACHC Accreditation helps ensure healthcare facilities provide high-quality care."

ACHC partners with providers, organizations, and associations to consistently offer the best service, resources, and industry expertise to customers. The continuation of this partnership allows LMHPCO and ACHC to deliver the best resources to hospice and palliative care providers in Louisiana and Mississippi. LMHPCO members are eligible for special pricing on ACHC Accreditation for hospice and palliative care services, as well as discounts on educational resources that help providers prepare for accreditation.

"ACHC standards reflect the care we promote and encourage our members to demonstrate throughout this part of the country," said Nancy Dunn, LMHPCO Director of Education.

LMHPCO is a 501(c)3 educational corporation that aims to protect the integrity of hospice services and improve the quality of care for terminally ill patients and their families in Louisiana and Mississippi. LMHPCO works to increase public awareness of hospice and other care options and is supported solely by member contributions, grants, and donations. Learn more at Imhpco.org.

ACHC has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence for over 30 years and has CMS deeming authority for Hospice, Home Health, Home Infusion Therapy, Renal Dialysis, and DMEPOS. As a recognized leader in hospice accreditation, ACHC offers accreditation for Hospice Care and Hospice Inpatient Care services. Providers can distinguish themselves further by obtaining a Distinction in Telehealth or Palliative Care.

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