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ACHC receives Deeming Authority for Hospice from CMS

RALEIGH, NC - The Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) is proud to announce that they have received deeming authority for hospice organizations from the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). ACHC earned a four year term for hospice deeming authority from CMS.

Recognition by CMS means that ACHC has met or exceeded all Medicare and Medicaid certification standards. Providers now have the choice to become Medicare certified hospice providers by choosing ACHC for accreditation.

“ACHC is extremely excited that we’ve been recognized by CMS for our hospice accreditation program,” said Sherry Hedrick, Senior Vice President of Clinical Compliance & Accreditation. “We know that many of our clients and potential clients have been looking forward to seeing us receive hospice Deeming Authority for some time now and we’re very happy to announce this achievement today”.

ACHC is a not-for-profit organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. Their quality management system is ISO 9001:2008 certified. Accreditation by ACHC reflects an organization’s dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care. ACHC is the provider’s choice for accreditation because of personal account managers, relevant and realistic standards, competitive pricing and a friendly, consultative approach to accreditation.

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