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Pediatric Home Service Receives Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission Home care company earns eighth consecutive accreditation

St. Paul, Minn. –Pediatric Home Service (PHS) has earned its eighth consecutive accreditation and Gold Seal of ApprovalTM from The Joint Commission, a not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies more than 20,500 health care organizations and programs throughout the nation. This accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting high performance standards and ensures all customers are experiencing the safest, highest quality and best value health care across all settings.

PHS was first accredited in 1994 and is now in its 21st year of demonstrating compliance with Joint Commission national standards for home care organizations. PHS must undergo an unannounced on-site survey by a team from The Joint Commission every three years to earn and maintain the commission's Gold Seal of Approval.TM PHS partners with The Joint Commission by participating in a periodic performance review, in which we go through the accreditation manual and confirm all standards are being met, as well by participating in our on-site survey. This year, PHS was joined by three Joint Commission professionals, who spent two days ensuring PHS is in compliance, including reviewing education materials, policies and procedures, job shadowing employees, medication management practices and multiple visits to patient homes.

"We perform audits, hold process improvement groups, and provide extensive training to employees to ensure we are maintaining reliable, safe, quality care for our patients," says Mark Hamman, president of Pediatric Home Service, "Being accredited shows the dedicated work and excellent patient care each employee brings to our company," added Hamman.

To check the accreditation status of other providers, health care consumers can visit <u>The Joint Commission's website</u>.

About The Joint Commission

The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. Since 1951, The Joint Commission has maintained state-of-the-art standards that focus on improving the quality and safety of care provided by health care organizations. It is the nation's predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

About Pediatric Home Service

Based in St. Paul, Minn., Pediatric Home Service is an independent pediatric home care company that helps children with medical complexities and technology dependencies live safely and successfully where they're most comfortable, at home with their families, rather than in a hospital. Pediatric Home Service has

been partnering with health care professionals and family caregivers for more than two decades to deliver compassionate, specialized, high-quality care to children with special medical needs.