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Senator Greg Clausen Awarded 2015 Legislative Champion by MAMES
Ensures Minnesota's Medically Complex Can Stay at Home

St. Paul, Minn. – The Midwest Association for Medical Equipment Services (MAMES) recognizes Minnesota Senator Greg Clausen with the 2015 Legislative Champion Award for his outstanding public service and tireless legislative commitment in protecting access to quality home medical equipment, supplies and services to the most vulnerable citizens in Minnesota. Clausen was vital in the years of work required to ensure Minnesota Medicaid rates were permanently delinked from Medicare rates in 2015.

“Getting this bill passed was crucial for Minnesota’s taxpayers,” said Clausen, “Minnesotans reap the benefits of quality, cost-effective care in the comfort of their own home versus in the hospital or nursing home.”

MAMES leads the way in involvement of medical equipment suppliers in state and federal legislative and regulatory issues. The organization is dedicated to ensuring patients are able to stay at home with the necessary supplies and equipment that these small businesses provide.

“Senator Clausen was instrumental in keeping our patients at home where they can live fully with their families,” said Susan Wingert, MAMES Legislative committee member and Pediatric Home Service owner. “If Medicare and Medicaid rates would have remained linked we would have had to reduce the scope of our service area. With the reduction of access to medical supplies and equipment, many patients would have been forced into hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions.”

In the 2016 session, Senator Clausen and MAMES will continue to work to keep those with medical complexities at home with the proper care, supplies and equipment.

“It’s not just about our the medically complex population, it’s also about saving the state money and ensuring small businesses in Minnesota are able to keep their doors open,” said Clausen.

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.

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