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Pediatric Home Service Announces Appointment of Dr. James E. Shmerling to its Board of Directors

St. Paul, MN – February 13, 2019 - Pediatric Home Service (PHS), an independent comprehensive home care provider specializing in the care of children with medical complexities, today announced the appointment of new board member Dr. [James E. Shmerling](#), DHA, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer at [Connecticut Children's Medical Center](#).

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Shmerling as our newest board member," said Mark Hamman, Pediatric Home Service Chief Executive Officer. "For over thirty years, Dr. Shmerling has served in numerous management roles in children's hospitals and he is nationally recognized as a leader in addressing issues concerning children's health and wellness. We are confident in his expertise in children's health will be of great value to our team as we continue to identify opportunities that will allow us to further serve children with medical complexities and their families."

"Healthcare is evolving to include more options for children to live at home with their families despite complicated medical conditions," said Dr. Shmerling. "I am honored to serve on the Board of Directors for Pediatric Home Service and eager to work alongside Mark and his team as they continue to help kids be kids at home no matter their medical challenges."

"Dr. Shmerling is an inspirational leader in children's health and wellness. His vast experience is vital as we look toward future growth," said Elliot Cooperstone, Chairman of the Board. "He brings an incomparable wealth of knowledge to Pediatric Home Service having served as the Chief Executive Officer for several top ranked children's hospitals in the nation."

[Additional Information on James E. Shmerling](#)

Dr. Shmerling is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE). He is an adjunct faculty member in the Hospital Administration programs, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Additionally, Dr. Shmerling's board participation in national healthcare organizations include:

- Board member of Biostage, an OTC traded bioscience company based in Boston, MA
- Board member of the Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association
- Board of Governors, the Children's Miracle Network
- Past Board member of the Children's Hospital Group, Dublin, Ireland
- Past Chair of the Board of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Past Chair of the Board of Children's Hospital Association, Alexandria, VA
- Past Board Chair of the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO), Denver, Colorado
- Past Board member of Virtual PICU Systems, LLC, Los Angeles, California

About Pediatric Home Service

Based in St. Paul, Minn., with an office location in Pewaukee, Wisc., 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 nearly three decades to deliver compassionate, specialized, high-quality care to children with special medical needs.

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