



South Davis Home Health & Hospice

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South Davis Home Health Earns 2009 *HealthInsight* Quality Award for Excellence in Patient Care

Bountiful, Utah, May 11, 2009 - South Davis Home Health has been presented with the 2009 *HealthInsight* Quality Award for demonstrating high quality health care and excellence in performance on publicly reported quality of care measures and other specified quality markers.

"*HealthInsight* is pleased to recognize South Davis Home Health for its dedication and achievements in improving patient care," said Marc Bennett, President and CEO of *HealthInsight*. *HealthInsight* is a private, non-profit community based organization dedicated to improving the healthcare systems of Nevada and Utah.

The *HealthInsight* Quality Award acknowledges home health agencies that are actively engaged in advancing care in one or more of the following areas:

- Percentage of patients who had to be admitted to the hospital
- Percentage of patients who get better at walking or moving around
- Percentage of patients who get better at getting in and out of bed
- Percentage of patients who have less pain when moving around
- Percentage of patients who bladder control improves
- Percentage of patients who get better at bathing
- Percentage of patients who get better at taking their medicines correctly (by mouth)
- Percentage of patients who are short of breath less often
- Percentage of patients who stay at home after an episode of home health care ends
- Percentage of patients whose wounds improved or healed after an operation
- Percentage of patients who need unplanned medical care related to a wound that is new, is worse, or has become infected

The clinical topics measured for the awards have been designated as national healthcare priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The *HealthInsight* Quality Award Program was launched in September 2004 to promote transparency in health care. According to the Institute of Medicine, transparency in health care means a system that is "accountable to the public, works openly, makes results known, and builds trust through disclosure." By using available quality data to identify high performing providers and publicizing the results, *HealthInsight* aims to help providers improve health care and help patients become more active and informed participants in that care. For more information on the *HealthInsight* Quality Awards visit www.healthinsight.org.

"The staff at South Davis Home Health is dedicated to providing the very best in patient care, and our efforts have been enhanced through our quality improvement collaborations with *HealthInsight*. We are proud to be a recipient of this distinguished award for three years in a row," said Mark Dunn, South Davis Home Health Agency Director.