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Divine Mercy awarded CHAP Accreditation

Denver, Colorado – December 30, 2015 – Community Health Accreditation Partner, Inc., (CHAP) announced today that Divine Mercy Supportive Care (Divine Mercy) has been awarded CHAP Accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence. By achieving CHAP Accreditation, Divine Mercy has also been deemed to meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and is certified as a Medicare provider.

CHAP Accreditation demonstrates that Divine Mercy meets the industry’s highest nationally recognized standards. The rigorous evaluation by CHAP focuses on structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources and long term viability. Simply stated, adherence to CHAP’s standards leads to better quality care.

“By achieving CHAP Accreditation, Divine Mercy has shown a commitment to excellence,” said Karen Collishaw, CHAP President & CEO. “We are excited to begin our partnership with Divine Mercy by offering support in its commitment to providing quality care and continuous improvement.”

Divine Mercy is an independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3) included in the Group Ruling of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Archdiocese of Denver. As a provider of hospice, educational and charitable services in Metropolitan-Denver and surrounding areas, Divine Mercy provides services for people of any faith by strictly adhering to the Catholic Standards of Care™.

CHAP is an independent, not-for-profit, accrediting body for community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in community-based care. CHAP is the oldest national, community-based accrediting body with more than 9,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through “deeming authority” granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) CHAP has the regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice and home medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP’s purpose is to define and advance the highest standards of community-based care.

For more information about the CHAP accreditation process, please visit the CHAP website at www.chapinc.org. For additional information on CHAP, please contact Nathan Constable, Senior Manager, Communications and Industry Affairs, at 202.467.1716 or nconstable@chapinc.org.

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