

HomeCare of Holland Home Receives Top 7% National Ranking

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(Grand Rapids, MI) - HomeCare of Holland Home has been ranked in the top 7% of Medicare-certified home health care providers by the 2007 HomeCare Elite's national rankings. The criteria for the rankings are determined by an agency's performance measures in quality, improvement, and financial performance.

That should be good news for greater Grand Rapid's seniors. A recent survey by Aramark Senior Living Services showed that nearly 75 percent of people over the age of 65 would prefer to remain in their current residence as opposed to seeking care in an assisted living or skilled nursing facility. Unfortunately, the demands of aging can make that difficult, but home health agencies are able to bridge the gap.

According to Carolyn Flietstra, executive director of HomeCare of Holland Home, "we provide rehabilitation to help people return to their previous level of independence or help them deal with a new or chronic disease. All of which will help someone stay in their own home."

Choosing a reputable home care agency, however, can be a daunting task. "There are certain things to look for," said Flietstra. "For instance, accreditations, awards, and are they certified by Medicare? All of these things speak to the reliability and professionalism of the agency in question."

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The 2007 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2007 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry by OCS, Inc., the leading provider of healthcare informatics and DecisionHealth, publisher of home care's most respected independent newsletter Home Health Line. The entire list of the 2007 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed by visiting the OCS web site at www.ocsys.com.

HomeCare of Holland Home is part of Holland Home, Michigan's largest not-for-profit provider of housing and services to older adults, caring for over 2,300 individuals each day. Services include home health care, hospice care, memory care services, rehabilitation, skilled nursing, assisted living and independent living. Holland Home was established in 1892.

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