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**HPH Home Health Awarded Deemed Status Accreditation from  
The Joint Commission**

**New Port Richey, FL (April 30, 2018):** [HPH Home Health](http://www.hphhomehealth.com), an affiliate of Chapters Health System, announced today that it had earned The Joint Commission's deemed status accreditation for home health services by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. Deemed status is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective care.

"HPH Home Health underwent a rigorous on-site survey," said Pam Saucier, RN, BSN, MBA, Chief Compliance and Clinical Officer for Chapters Health. "During the five-day visit, compliance with home care standards were evaluated including provision of care, treatment and services, emergency management, human resources, individual rights and responsibilities and leadership. In addition, the accreditation process provided us with education and guidance to assist staff in order to continually improve our home health program's performance."

Established in 1988, The Joint Commission's Home Care accreditation program supports the efforts of its accredited organizations to help deliver safe, high quality care and services. Approximately 3,000 home health programs out of more than 14,000 in the United States currently maintain accreditation by The Joint Commission with 1,737 receiving deemed status. In Florida, 397 home health programs are accredited by The Joint Commission and 265 received deemed status.

The Joint Commission's home health standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, home health providers and researchers, as well as industry experts, purchasers and consumers. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

"We are pleased to receive the reaccreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," added Saucier. "Staff from across our organization continue to work together to strengthen the continuum of care and maintain the delivery of optimal home health services for community members in Pasco and Pinellas Counties."

**About HPH Home Health**

Since its inception in 2000, HPH Home Health has offered home services with a commitment to excellent service through compassionate care, accountability, respect, integrity, not-for-profit services and the goal of excelling through teamwork to maximize quality of life. Visit [www.chaptershealth.org](http://www.chaptershealth.org) for more information.

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### **About The Joint Commission**

Founded in 1951, [The Joint Commission](#) seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 20,500 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including hospitals and health care organizations that provide ambulatory and office-based surgery, behavioral health, home care, laboratory and nursing home services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. The Joint Commission has two nonprofit affiliate organizations: [The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare](#) aims to solve health care's most critical safety and quality problems and [Joint Commission Resources](#) (JCR) provides consulting services, educational services and publications. [Joint Commission International](#), a division of JCR, accredits and certifies international health care organizations. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

### **About Chapters Health System**

Founded in 1983 as a compassionate not-for-profit organization, Chapters Health System provides choices, education and guidance for those affected by advancing age or advancing illness through its managed affiliates: Good Shepherd Hospice, HPH Hospice, LifePath Hospice, and Chapters Health Palliative Care, located in Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Pasco and Polk counties. In addition, Chapters Health operates HPH Home Health, which serves the needs of patients in Pasco and Pinellas counties. To learn more, visit [www.chaptershealth.org](http://www.chaptershealth.org), like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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