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Lifetime Care Named as a Top Agency of the 2016 HomeCare Elite

Rochester, NY — Lifetime Care today announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2016 HomeCare Elite[®], a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For more than ten years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall.

The ranking is developed by ABILITY[®] Network, a leading information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare; and sponsored by DecisionHealth, publisher of: *Home Health Line*, *The Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual* and *The Home Health Coding Center*.

“Improving quality of care and the patient experience continue to underpin a rapidly evolving healthcare environment,” said Christine Lang, Senior Director, Product Management, for ABILITY Network. “At the same time tracking, measuring and interpreting data that support these efforts is becoming more complex. The 2016 HomeCare Elite winners have demonstrated the highest-quality care in their communities, which is a remarkable achievement. We congratulate **Lifetime Care** on being one of the top home care agencies in the country.”

Stephen H. Cohen, MD, President of Lifetime Care, credits the commitment to personalized, patient-focused care and continual improvement in quality outcomes with the agency’s ability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. “We are excited to receive this distinction again this year,” said Cohen.

“We are proud to recognize the HomeCare Elite agencies for demonstrating a commitment to improving quality patient care at low costs. The clinical best practices and data tracking skills these agencies have implemented can position them for future success in government programs such as value-based purchasing and star ratings,” said Marci Heydt, Senior Content Manager, DecisionHealth.

Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS[®]), quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,406 agencies considered, 2,353 are recognized on the 2016 HomeCare Elite winners list overall.

The entire list of 2016 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at abilitynetwork.com/homecare-elite.

About Lifetime Care

Lifetime Care is the Rochester/Finger Lakes region's largest (ranked by total staff) provider of health care services at home and in home-like settings, with over 1,400 staff members serving more than 28,000 families each year in the counties of Monroe, Wayne, Seneca, Cayuga, Schuyler, Yates, Ontario and Livingston. To learn more about Lifetime Care Home Health and Hospice, visit www.lifetimecare.org.

About ABILITY Network

ABILITY[®] Network is a leading healthcare information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare through innovative applications and data analytics. ABILITY is headquartered in Minneapolis with principal offices in Boston and Tampa. For more information visit www.abilitynetwork.com or write to resources@abilitynetwork.com.

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