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**About ABILITY**

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## ABILITY Network Announces 2017 HomeCare Elite

*Annual Ranking Recognizes Top U.S. Home Health Agencies*

**MINNEAPOLIS – (October 16, 2017)** – ABILITY Network is pleased to announce the winners of the **2017 HomeCare Elite®**, recognizing the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Now in its twelfth year, this important program acknowledges the best providers in the home care profession.

Released in partnership with **Decision Health**, HomeCare Elite uses public data to perform a comprehensive analysis of all home health care agencies and evaluate their overall performance. Unique in its approach, the program uses proprietary methods to identify the top 25 percent of all Medicare-certified home health care agencies, as well as the nation's top 100 and top 500 agencies.

HomeCare Elite agencies are determined by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, best practices implementation, patient experience (HHCAHPS), quality improvement and consistency, and financial health. To be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least three outcome measures in Home Health Compare – a program created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide the public with information about the quality of care provided by Medicare-certified home health agencies. This year, 9,064 home health agencies were considered, resulting in Elite recognition for 2,268.

“High quality care is what agencies strive for and what patients expect,” said Christine Lang, senior director at ABILITY. “Today, we have access to a broad spectrum of data and multiple ways of measuring quality, which can make it even more challenging for an agency to manage all aspects of quality.”

“The 2017 HomeCare Elite agencies have demonstrated – in a quantifiable way – success in providing the best possible home health care in their communities,” said Bud Meadows, chief revenue officer for ABILITY. “Recognizing these outstanding home health providers is an honor. They represent the absolute best in this profession, delivering the highest quality of care.”

Out of 2,268 Elite agencies in 2017, 1,340 agencies achieved repeat recognition from 2016.

Read the [HomeCare Elite data methodology](#) for more information.

The 2017 HomeCare Elite list can be downloaded on the ABILITY website. In addition, winning agencies can [request access to a complimentary media kit to promote their recognition](#).

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In March 2017, Simplify Compliance LLC announced the merger of DecisionHealth, LLC with existing brands HCPro and HealthLeaders Media, to form the H3.Group!

H3.Group, with its three pillars of thought leadership, expertise, and application, provides critical insight, analysis, tools and training to healthcare organizations nationwide empowering today's healthcare professionals with solution-focused information and intelligence to guide their organizations' efforts in achieving compliance, financial performance, leadership, and organizational excellence.

The creation of the H3.Group comes as healthcare faces an unprecedented period of transition that brings uncertainty and opportunity. As policies and regulations are revisited and payment models changed, the need for clarity, actionable guidance and expert training for all provider settings and functional areas will increase dramatically.

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