# Media Contact: Jennifer Marso

612.277.3953 jennifer.marso@abilitynetwork.com

About ABILITY® Network

## ABILITY<sup>®</sup> Network, an Inovalon

company, is a leading cloud-based, SaaS information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare through innovative applications and data analytics. The combination of myABILITY and the Inovalon ONE<sup>™</sup> Platform creates a vertically integrated cloud-based platform empowering the achievement of real-time value-based care from payers, manufacturers, and diagnostics all the way to the patient's point of care.

# ABILITY Network Announces the 2018 HomeCare Elite

Annual Ranking Recognizes Top U.S. Home Health Agencies

**MINNEAPOLIS (October 8, 2018)** – <u>ABILITY® Network</u>, an Inovalon company (Nasdaq; INOV), is pleased to announce the winners of the <u>2018</u> <u>HomeCare Elite</u>®, recognizing the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Now in its thirteenth year, this important program acknowledges the best providers in the home care profession.

In partnership with Decision Health, ABILITY Network's HomeCare Elite ranking program performs a comprehensive analysis of all home health care agencies evaluating their overall performance. The program applies proprietary analyses 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 across an array 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, 8,898 home health agencies were considered, resulting in Elite recognition for 2,223.

"Providing care at home is critical to both patients and the healthcare delivery system as we reach to improve the outcomes and experiences of care, as well as control costs," said Christine Lang, senior director at ABILITY. "Home health agencies operate in an increasingly complex environment, yet the data demonstrate a continued commitment to quality and prioritization of patients. The 2018 HomeCare Elite stand out as leaders in their profession—we congratulate them on their success and thank them for their dedication."

"These home health providers represent the 'best of the best' in the industry," said Bud Meadows, chief revenue officer for ABILITY. "We applaud their efforts in delivering the highest quality of care to their patients."

Out of 2,223 Elite agencies in 2018, 1,398 agencies achieved repeat recognition from 2017.

Read the HomeCare Elite data methodology for more information.

The <u>2018 HomeCare Elite list</u> can be downloaded on the ABILITY website. In addition, winning agencies can request a complimentary media kit to promote their recognition.

###



#### About Inovalon

Inovalon is a leading technology company providing cloud-based platforms empowering data-driven healthcare. Through the Inovalon ONE™ Platform, Inovalon brings to the marketplace a national-scale capability to interconnect with the healthcare ecosystem, aggregate and analyze data in real-time, and empower the application of resulting insights to drive meaningful impact at the point of care. Leveraging its platform, unparalleled proprietary data sets, and industry-leading subject matter expertise, Inovalon enables better care, efficiency, and financial performance across the healthcare ecosystem. From health plans and provider organizations, to pharmaceutical, medical device, and diagnostics companies, Inovalon's unique achievement of value is delivered through the effective progression of "Turning Data into Insight, and Insight into Action®." Providing technology that supports a client base approaching nearly 500 healthcare organizations, Inovalon's platforms and analytics are informed by data pertaining to more than 943,000 physicians, 499,000 clinical facilities, 252 million Americans, and 39 billion medical events. For more information, visit www.inovalon.com.

### About H3.Group

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.

# **About DecisionHealth**

For over 30 years, DecisionHealth, an H3.Group brand, has served as the industry's leading source for news, analysis and instructional guidance with brand names such as Home Health Line and Part B News. Our unique blend of award-winning on-staff journalists and unmatched access to health care executives, providers and their administrative staffs results in business management advice and operationally focused editorial that has captured the attention of nearly 100,000 home health care professionals and specialty physician practices.