**Press Release Usage Guidelines**

Please read the guidelines below before preparing your 2019 HomeCare Elite® Top 500 press release.

The press release template can be used without obtaining the approval of ABILITY Network, if you follow three steps:

1. The ABILITY Network and DecisionHealth spokesperson quotations remain unchanged.
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3. The press release references both ABILITY Network and DecisionHealth.

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* Your agency wishes to use quotations other than the preauthorized quotations from ABILITY Network and DecisionHealth.
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If you have any questions about these guidelines, please write to us at [homecareelite@abilitynetwork.com](mailto:homecareelite@abilitynetwork.com) or call us at 888.572.4009.

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**[Insert Agency Name] Named to Top 500 of the 2019 ABILITY HomeCare Elite**

**[Insert City, State], [Insert date] – [Insert company name]** today announced that it has been named to the Top 500 of the 2019 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For 14 years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of agencies and highlighted 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, part of the H3.Group.

“We’re pleased to recognize **(Insert company name)** for exemplifying best practice in patient care,” said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. “**(Company’s name)’s** home health professionals have demonstrated exceptional commitment to care quality and the patient experience.”

**[Insert name and title]**, **[Insert company name],** credits **[Insert factors]** and **[Insert factors]** with the agency’s capability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. **"[Insert quotation here]," said [company executive].**

“Congratulations to **[insert company name]** from all of the staff at DecisionHealth,” said Marci Geipe, product manager at DecisionHealth. “Your leadership and staff have placed a premium on the patient care your agency provides, as showcased by your quality outcome scores. The entire community benefits from the compassion that your staff shows toward your patients, leading to cost savings for the entire healthcare system.”

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. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least three outcomes in Home Health Compare. Out of 8,818 agencies considered, 2,207 are recognized on the 2019 HomeCare Elite winners list overall. The entire list of 2019 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at [abilitynetwork.com/homecare-e](http://www.abilitynetwork.com/hce)lite.

**About [Insert company name]**

**[Insert standard company description**]

**About ABILITY**® **Network**

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**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**

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