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**REDLANDS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL RANKS AMONG THE TOP
25 PERCENT OF HOME HEALTH PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTRY**

**Hospital Named to the 2008 Home Care Elite by ‘Neighboring Care
within the Community’**

REDLANDS, Calif. (January 16, 2009)-- Redlands Community Hospital announced that it has been named to the 2008 HomeCare Elite, a compilation of the most successful Medicare-certified home health care providers in the United States. This annual review identifies the Top 100 of agencies, ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement and financial performance.

“At Redlands Community Hospital, home health professionals develop plans of care personalized to meet individual medical needs as determined by a physician,” says Geri Smith, Director of Home Health at Redlands Community Hospital. “We are honored to be ranked among the top 25 percent of home health providers, our aides provide personal care intermittently but we try to offer the best care possible for all of our patients at all times.”

Examples of skilled needs include instructions on diabetic management, follow-up care after surgery, stroke rehabilitation, wound and ostomy care. Redlands Community Hospital registered nurses may assess patient status, provide skilled care and instruct care givers, physical therapists offer rehabilitative services such as home exercise

programs and teach the safe use of equipment (walkers, canes, etc.). Speech therapists assist with swallowing difficulties and speech exercises. Occupational therapists further assist in activities of daily living. Medical social workers are also available to help with Redlands community resources and long range planning.

“The 2008 HomeCare Elite winners exemplify a commitment to providing their patients with optimum care while performing at the highest level,” said Nancy Buller, Senior Director of Marketing Communications at OCS, Inc. "We congratulate **Redlands Community Hospital** on being one of the Top 100 home care agencies in the country."

The 2008 HomeCare Elite also indicates those providers who are included in the Top 25 percent and Top 500 of providers nationwide. Redlands Community Hospital excels in three domains of performance included in the measurement process – Quality of Care, Quality Improvement and Financial Performance. The HomeCare Elite, or top 25 percent of agencies is identified from each of the 10 Medicare Regions, from each the facility-based and free standing categories.

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