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Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association Named as a Top Agency in the 2018 ABILITY HomeCare Elite

Salisbury, CT — Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association today announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2018 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For 13 years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified 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. It is sponsored by DecisionHealth, publisher of *Home Health Line* and the *Complete Home Health ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Coding Manual*.

“I would like to congratulate the team at Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association and thank them for their commitment to providing consistently high-quality care,” said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. “During a time of increasing demands on home health professionals’ time and attention, these caregivers and leaders have demonstrated that they have prioritized their patients and created a solid foundation for serving their communities and partnering with other healthcare providers.”

Michele Kearns, Executive Director, SVNA, credits the SVNA team’s commitment to their patients and to the mission of SVNA with the agency’s ability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. “HomeCare Elite is not an easy accomplishment, I am very proud of each team member for achieving this wonderful honor and thank each one of them for their devotion to our patients and their families. Our employees change peoples’ lives for the better - each and every day – and this award recognizes exactly the positive impact they have.”

“Congratulations to Salisbury Visiting Nurse from all of the staff at DecisionHealth,” said Marci Geipe, product manager for Decision Health. “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 8,898 agencies considered, 2,223 are recognized on the 2018 HomeCare Elite winners list overall.



The entire list of 2018 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at abilitynetwork.com/hce.

About Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association

Founded in 1904, the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association is the oldest and most comprehensive home care, hospice and private care agency serving all of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. The not-for-profit, state licensed and Medicare certified home health and hospice agency's mission is to provide advanced, compassionate care at home and in the community. Serving: Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Goshen, Kent, Lakeville, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Taconic and Warren.

About ABILITY Network

ABILITY Network, an [Inovalon](http://Inovalon.com) Company (NASDAQ:INOV), 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™ 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. For more information, visit www.abilitynetwork.com or write to resources@abilitynetwork.com. For more information about HomeCare Elite, call 888.572.4009, write to homecareelite@abilitynetwork.com or visit www.abilitynetwork.com/hce.

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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.