

# Eastern Maine HomeCare

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **River Valley HomeCare Ranked Among the Top 25 Percent of Home Health Providers in the Country – 2 years in a row**

**Central Maine— River Valley HomeCare (RVHC)** is celebrating National HomeCare and Hospice Month in a special way this November. RVHC announced that it has been named to the 2009 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. This annual review identifies the top 25 percent of agencies. Winners are ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement, and financial performance.

“The 2009 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing their patients with the best possible care while performing at the highest level,” said Nancy Buller, senior director of marketing communications at OCS HomeCare. “We congratulate River Valley HomeCare on being one of the top home care agencies in the country.”

Linda Woolley, Eastern Maine HomeCare Business Development Director, credits staff with the company’s ability to rank among the HomeCare Elite. She said, “It’s the second year in a row that RVHC has received this honor. Our staff members are committed to delivering the best home care services as effectively and efficiently as possible. Despite our large geographic size and rural population, our clinicians and administrative staff work hard every day to ensure that our neighbors and friends in Central Maine receive excellent care in their home. It is gratifying to learn RVHC has received this national recognition once again.”

Last year, River Valley HomeCare staff drove 187,820 miles to provide 7,830 visits to 572 patients and their families. Home care services are paid for by public and private sources, or directly by patients and their families. Generous donations from individuals, businesses and towns allow for continued, high quality service. A part of the Eastern Maine HomeCare Family, and a member of EMHS, River Valley HomeCare works to ensure the highest quality home care is available to those who need it in its Central Maine service area reaching from Dexter to Augusta and from Unity to Madison. For more information about its home care services, please visit River Valley HomeCare at [www.rivervalleyhomecare.org](http://www.rivervalleyhomecare.org) or 24 Lawrence Avenue in Fairfield or call 453-2499.

“DecisionHealth would like to congratulate the top HomeCare Elite agencies that achieved excellent clinical and financial outcomes by providing quality care to their patients,” adds Marci Heydt, executive editor of DecisionHealth’s *Home Health Line*.

The 2009 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2009 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry by OCS HomeCare, the leading provider of homecare information, and DecisionHealth, publisher of homecare’s most respected independent newsletter *Home Health Line*. The data used for this analysis was compiled from publicly available information. The entire list of the 2009 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed by visiting the OCS Web site at [www.ocshomecare.com](http://www.ocshomecare.com).

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