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Five ADPH home health providers listed in top tier of U.S.

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Five home health subunits operated through the Alabama Department of Public Health are listed among the top 25 percent of all home health agencies within the United States.

The 2006 HomeCare Elite™ is the inaugural compilation of the most successful home care providers in the United States. This review names the top 25 percent of agencies whose performance measures in quality, improvement and financial performance are the best in the nation. Data used for this study was based on publicly available information.

Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, said, "When given a choice, most sick or disabled people prefer to be cared for in their own home. In-home care enriches the lives of our patients and their family members by helping them maintain the highest possible level of independent living. We are pleased that HomeCare Elite acknowledged us with this distinction."

Recognized on this list were the following:

- Lamar County Home Care in Vernon
- Marion County Home Care in Hamilton
- Northwest Alabama Regional Home Care in Sheffield
- Talladega County Home Care in Sylacauga
- Winston County Home Care in Haleyville

The Alabama Department of Public Health has been providing home health care in Alabama since the inception of the department, and Medicare-certified home health care has been provided since 1966.

The mission of the Bureau of Home and Community Services is to ensure the delivery of compassionate and effective health care services in the home and community while striving to be consistently responsive and innovative in meeting the changing health care needs of Alabama citizens.

The Bureau of Home and Community Services provides quality and compassionate home health care to patients with Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and those with no payment source.

Services available through home health include skilled nursing, home health aide services, medical social services, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. For more information call your county health department or visit www.adph.org/homehealth/.

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