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Area 1 residents receive service from top-ranking public health home health program

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Residents of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion, Walker and Winston counties receive service from a top-ranking public health home health program.

The home health offices of the Alabama Department of Public Health, Area 1, have been recognized by OCS (also known as OCS HomeCare) and the National Research Corporation for ranking in the top 25 percent of home health agencies nationwide.

The HomeCare Elite, which highlights the top 25 percent of home health care agencies, has become the industry standard for recognizing organizational performance nationwide. This year's winners are ranked by an analysis of measures in quality of care, process measure implementation, and financial performance.

"The HomeCare Elite program continues to identify excellence and recognize home health care agencies that perform at the highest level," said Amanda Twiss, CEO of OCS-My InnerView.

"We congratulate the 2012 HomeCare Elite for their continued success and commitment to high quality of care and strong financial performance."

Marguerite Lane Coan, home care director for Area 1, said, "I am so proud of the staff. Every team member deserves credit for doing such a good job that resulted in obtaining this special recognition."

The 2012 class of the HomeCare Elite has been able to provide quality care to patients while achieving positive financial outcomes, which is significant given the regulatory changes and challenges that home health agencies continue to face.

OCS uses publicly available data from Home Health Compare, the National Research Corporation, and the CMS Cost Reports to create the HomeCare Elite list of agencies.

For more information about the home care services available to Alabamians in the program administered through the Bureau of Home and Community Services of the Health Department, visit [adph.org/home health](http://adph.org/home%20health).