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## **Washington County Health Department home health ranks in the top 25 percent in the U.S.**

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The Washington County Health Department has 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."

Sharon Mitchell, home care director for Area 9, said, "I am very proud of the Washington County Home Health Team! I commend each member of this team for their role in providing quality care to the citizens of Washington and Clarke counties.

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).

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