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**Visiting Nurse and Community Health Ranks in Top 25%  
of U.S. Home Care Providers for Second Year**

*Arlington-based agency included in the 2007 HomeCare Elite™*

**ARLINGTON, MA – January 14, 2008** – Visiting Nurse and Community Health, Inc. (VNCH) has been named to the 2007 HomeCare Elite, a compilation of the most successful Medicare-certified home health care providers in the United States. This annual review identifies the top 25% of agencies, ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement and financial performance. VNCH first achieved this ranking in 2006.

“We applaud the success of all the providers named to the **2007 HomeCare Elite**,” said Bill Bassett, Senior Director of Market Strategy at OCS, Inc. “Being noted as one of the top performers in the nation in this very competitive environment shows that Visiting Nurse and Community Health is dedicated to quality and performance.”

Christine Dixon, VNCH’s CEO, credits the combined efforts of the agency’s dedicated and highly skilled clinicians and Quality Improvement staff with its ability to again rank as one of the HomeCare Elite. Ms. Dixon stated, “Being ranked in the top 25% of home health care agencies in the United States for two years in a row is a tremendous honor and accomplishment for VNCH. This achievement is a direct result of the high caliber of care and caring the patients entrusted to us receive from VNCH. I am extremely proud of this accomplishment, and even prouder to be part of such an outstanding agency.”

**About VNCH**

For over 100 years, VNCH has been acknowledged as the preeminent home health care provider in Eastern Massachusetts. It has a deep-rooted tradition of providing its patients, and the 33 communities it serves, with compassionate, quality home care, and unparalleled health care expertise. VNCH’s response to questions and concerns is immediate and knowledgeable, and its medical technology is state-of-the-art.

VNCH serves the following communities: Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Billerica, Boxboro, Burlington, Cambridge, Carlisle, Chelsea, Concord, Everett, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newton, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

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