

# HomeCare Elite™ 2010

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## **Ascentia Home Health Care named to the 2010 HomeCare Elite**

**Clearwater, Florida, October 31, 2010** — **Ascentia Home Health Care** today announced that it has been named to the 2010 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Now in its fifth year, the HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of agencies and further highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement, and financial performance.

“The 2010 HomeCare Elite winners continue to demonstrate a commitment to providing their patients with the best possible care while performing at the highest level,” said Amanda Twiss, CEO of OCS HomeCare. “We congratulate Ascentia Home Health Care on being one of the top home care agencies in the country. In addition, we salute all forward-thinking providers who are already working on measuring and improving their performance using OASIS-C outcomes and process measures and HH-CAHPS results. This important data will also be used in identifying the HomeCare Elite in the future.”

Ascentia Home Health Care, LLC, Judith Dougherty, Executive Director, credits Ascentia’s team of world class home health professionals for ranking as one of the HomeCare Elite. Judith Dougherty said, “our team is passionate about serving the home health care needs of the communities that we serve. This distinction as one of America’s elite home care organizations proves our commitment to being extraordinary in all that we do.”

“On the fifth anniversary of HomeCare Elite, DecisionHealth would like to congratulate all of the winners who have achieved excellent clinical and financial outcomes, especially during times of such drastic regulatory changes,” added Marci Heydt, executive editor of DecisionHealth’s *Home Health Line*.

The 2010 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2010 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 were compiled from publicly available information. The entire list of the 2010 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed by visiting the OCS HomeCare website at [www.ocshomecare.com](http://www.ocshomecare.com).

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## About Ascentia Home Health Care, LLC

Ascentia Home Health Care, LLC is a full service Medicare Certified and Florida Licensed Home Health Company. Ascentia's Mission is to provide world-class health services for our patients in the privacy and comfort of their own homes, in a service oriented, compliant and cost efficient manner. Ascentia Home Health Care, LLC proudly serves patients in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk and Manatee Counties. With over 35 years of executive level home care leadership, Physicians can feel confident that they are partnering with a highly respected organization that has their long-term interests at heart. Our patients receive personalized and coordinated services that meet their unique, individualized home health care needs. All clinical team members pass rigorous screening and training processes prior to being assigned to patient care ensuring only the very best home health care professionals become a part of Team Ascentia.

## About OCS HomeCare

As the industry leader in benchmarking, reporting and analytics, OCS HomeCare empowers home health and hospice organizations with results-driven data intelligence, plus the largest and most accurate comparative database. Homecare providers, payers, associations, government agencies, vendors, and consultants all turn to OCS HomeCare to elevate decision-making, raise the bar on results, and bring home positive outcomes. For more information about OCS HomeCare, please visit [www.ocshomecare.com](http://www.ocshomecare.com) or call 888.325.3396.

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