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Touchmark Home Services

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TOUCHMARK HOME SERVICES RECEIVES MEDICARE CERTIFICATION

BEND, Ore. — Following a voluntary, rigorous review, Touchmark Home Services' home health has received Medicare certification from the Federal Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Home health agencies that seek certification are evaluated on their compliance with federal home health regulations. Medicare-certified home health agencies are required to conduct comprehensive patient assessments and to participate in the federal program Outcome Assessment Information Set (OASIS), which measures patient outcomes and supports quality improvement.

“This certification underscores Touchmark’s commitment to provide high-quality home health care to Central Oregon residents,” says Home Services Administrator Kathrynn Hollis-Buchanan, noting that the certification also will give clients more billing choices, since the agency is now approved by Medicare.

Home health services include nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and other professional services by licensed providers. Currently, Touchmark is the only home health provider in the Bend area that also offers home care services, which include assistance with housekeeping, personal care, meal planning and preparation and pet care. More than 30 people now receive care from Touchmark Home Services.

Touchmark Home Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The offices are located within Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village, 19800 SW Touchmark Way, Bend. Staff can be reached at (541) 312-7071.