



## **NEW HORIZON HOME HEALTH CARE, INC. AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

Glendale, December 8, 2008 – **New Horizon Home Health Care** has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in home care. The accreditation award recognizes **New Horizon Home Health Care's** dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's state of the art standards.

**New Horizon Home Health Care** underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey in November, 2008. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated **New Horizon Home Health Care** for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Established in 1988, The Joint Commission's Home Care Accreditation Program accredits more than 5,600 organizations. The Joint Commission's standards address the home care organization's performance in specific areas, and specify requirements to ensure that patient care and services are provided in a safe manner. The Joint Commission develops its standards in consultation with health care experts, providers and researchers, as well as measurement experts, purchasers and consumers.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, **New Horizon Home Health Care** has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients," says Margherita Labson, R.N., executive director, Home Care Accreditation, The Joint Commission. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend **New Horizon Home Health Care** for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

"With Joint Commission accreditation, we are making a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis from the top down. Joint Commission accreditation provides us a framework to take our organization to the next level and helps create a culture of excellence," says Victor Atomyan, RN Administrator. "Achieving Joint Commission accreditation, for our organization, is a major step toward maintaining excellence and continually improving the care we provide."

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 10,300 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,500 other health care organizations that provide long term care, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission currently certifies more than 2,000 disease-specific care programs, focused on the care of patients with chronic illnesses such as stroke, joint replacement, stroke rehabilitation, heart failure and many others. The Joint Commission also provides health care staffing services certification for more than 750 staffing offices. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).