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SULPHUR - The Home Health Agency of West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital (WCCH) has received a 2010 Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Award presented by eQHealth Solutions, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana. With this award, the Home Health Agency of WCCH has been recognized for improving the quality of health care given to their patients, and is one of 17 home health agencies in the state to receive the 2010 Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Award.

Previously titled the Louisiana Home Health Quality Awards, the Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Awards recognizes Louisiana home health agencies that have excelled at reducing avoidable acute care hospitalizations.

The clinical topics measured for the awards have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Staff members from the Home Health Agency of WCCH have been working with quality improvement specialists from eQHealth Solutions to use proven, evidence-based practices to improve care for their patients.

“The staff of Home Health Agency of WCCH is dedicated to providing the very best in resident care and our efforts have been enhanced through our quality improvement partnerships with eQHealth Solutions. We are extremely proud to be a recipient of these distinguished awards,” said Shannon Fontenot, RN, administrator of the Home Health Agency of WCCH.

“As witnessed by the new health care reform law, and corresponding debate, we all recognize that making improvements to our health care system comes at a slow pass and our health care system remains broken. This is frustrating. Yet, as we all struggle to improve our state’s poor health statistics and poor health outcomes, progress is being made,” said Gary Curtis, CEO of eQHealth Solutions. “Health care providers in Louisiana have committed to reducing the rates of infections, pressure ulcers, surgical injuries, unnecessary hospital readmissions and many other key measures of health care quality. At our annual Medicare Quality Summit, eQHealth is proud to recognize the providers and facilities that making health better for the people and communities they serve.”

The Home Health Agency of WCCH has been serving Calcasieu and Cameron parishes for over 25 years. For more information about eQHealth Solutions’ Louisiana Home Health Quality Awards, go to <http://louisianaqio.eqhs.org> or <http://www.wcch.com>.