

Care Alternatives Hospice of New Jersey Receives Federal Deficiency-Free Status

Cranford, NJ. -- June 3, 2009 -- Care Alternatives Hospice of New Jersey is pleased to announce it has been declared deficiency-free as a result of a 3-day (May 5-7, 2009) unannounced Federal survey with three surveyors. "A deficiency-free status is the standard of excellence in the hospice industry and the award of a gold star that we strive to achieve everyday," according to Mary Moscato, Chief Executive Officer.

"This is a phenomenal accomplishment for such a large patient census (518 patients on May 5th)," added Loretta Spoltore, MS, RN, Administrator at Care Alternatives New Jersey. The surprise visit from the Federal surveyors involved a comprehensive review of the company's policies and procedures, including administrative protocols, home visits, chart audits, patient satisfaction surveys, and the bereavement program, which covers up to 13 months of follow-up with the families.

The survey investigated the company's compliance with the Federal Conditions of Participation and with Federal Regulations for Hospice that had been updated in December 2008. The company's state licensure survey visit occurred last summer.

"I am so pleased with our team; this is a function of the team and a reflection of the quality of our team," Ms. Spoltore emphasized. Because the company has been granted deficiency-free status, the Federal regulators have placed it in a 6-8-year review cycle and will not return for the next survey for at least 6 years.

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