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Greater Medford VNA Awarded CHAP Accreditation

Medford, MA July 11, 2011- Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc. (CHAP) announced today that Greater Medford VNA has been awarded CHAP accreditation under the CHAP Home Care Standards of Excellence. This is the 11th year CHAP accreditation has been awarded to Greater Medford VNA.

Chap accreditation demonstrates that Greater Medford VNA meets the industry's highest nationally recognized standards. Rigorous evaluation by CHAP focuses on structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources and long term viability.

"We are pleased that Greater Medford VNA chose CHAP accreditation," said Terry Duncombe, CHAP President and CEO. "Voluntarily selecting to achieve CHAP accreditation and meeting our high standards of excellence demonstrates Greater Medford VNA's commitment to quality. CHAP is delighted to work with their entire team through the ongoing process of quality improvement."

"Accreditation by CHAP exemplifies Greater Medford VNA's commitment to quality care, said Marie Knasas CEO of Greater Medford VNA. CHAP Accreditation and meeting CHAP's high quality standards is not simply a process we go through every three years; it is what we operationalize day in and day out and make part of the culture of the VNA. I am extremely proud of the entire staff of Greater Medford VNA for this accomplishment."

Greater Medford VNA provides a variety of services to patients and their families in Medford and 16 surrounding communities in Middlesex county. Greater Medford VNA offers skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social work and home health aide services. Additionally Greater Medford VNA offers a number of specialty and disease management programs, including wound care, cardiac care, diabetes management, neurological disease care, orthopedic and palliative care including a bridge to hospice.

CHAP is an independent, not-for-profit, accrediting body for community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in community-based care. CHAP is the oldest, national, community-based accrediting body with more than 5,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through "deeming authority" granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CHAP has the regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice, and home

medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP's purpose is to define and advance the highest standards of community-based care.

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For more information about the CHAP accreditation process, please visit the CHAP Website at www.chapinc.org.

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