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OPTIMAE HOME HEALTH SOUTHEAST IOWA DIVISION RECEIVES THREE-YEAR CHAP ACCREDITATION

MARCH 7, 2018 (DES MOINES, IA) — Community Health Accreditation Partner, Inc. recently announced that Optimae Home Health Services has been accredited for a three-year period for its Southeast Iowa division.

It marks the first time the company's Southeast Iowa locations have earned accreditation from the national accrediting body, CHAP. The accreditation process entailed an in-depth self-study and three day site visit that included field visits with nursing, home health and occupational therapy staff, as well as the review of charts, policies and procedures.

"This process helped bring our business practices further into alignment with national standards, while the overall accreditation demonstrates the quality of services we provide to our customers," said William Dodds, President and Chief Executive Officer of Optimae LifeServices, the parent organization of Optimae Home Health. "Home health allows individuals to stay at home when they would otherwise require in-patient medical care, which is critical to someone's quality of life."

Optimae's Central Iowa home health division earned its second consecutive three-year CHAP accreditation last fall.

The accreditation demonstrates Optimae meets the industry's highest nationally recognized standards. CHAP's rigorous evaluation focuses on the structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources and long-term viability.

Optimae Home Health Services offers skilled nursing and home health aides, as well as physical, occupational and speech therapy, which allow customers to continue living in their home while receiving medical care. Its Southeast Iowa locations include Iowa, Johnson, Muscatine, Louisa, Keokuk, Washington, Jefferson, Henry, Des Moines, Wapello, Davis, Van Buren and Lee counties.

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. It is the oldest national, community-based accrediting body with more than 9,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through “deeming authority” granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 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.

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About Optimae LifeServices

Optimae LifeServices, Inc. provides healthcare and human services for individuals with disabilities and mental illness in 36 Southeastern and Central Iowa counties. For more than three decades, we have equipped our customers with supports and services that encourage choice, empowerment and community integration. Our programs include community-based, behavioral health, home health and residential care services. We advocate for the rights and needs of more than 5,300 Iowans each year, providing the quality of care we would want for our own family.