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Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration approves TCT accreditation for HME

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Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) in a letter dated July 10, 2014 has formally approved The Compliance Team's (TCT) accreditation program for HME/ DMEPOS.

AHCA's approval means that both in state and out-of-state HME/ DMEPOS providers who wish to do business in the State of Florida can now use The Compliance Team's accreditation services as a formally recognized means to meet the state's provider licensure requirements without having to incur a visit from the State.

Although The Compliance Team is approved by the federal government's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a national accrediting organization for providers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies (DMEPOS) recently enacted Florida law requires that AHCA ensure that accreditation organizations incorporate into their quality standards Florida's licensing regulations for HME providers.

"We are very pleased that the State of Florida has placed its confidence in The Compliance Team and recognizes our dedication to patient care and safety," said Sandra Canally, RN, and CEO of The Compliance Team. "We welcome this opportunity to partner with ACHA to help ensure the timely review and accreditation of Florida HME and DMEPOS providers".

The Compliance Team provides industry leading Exemplary Provider[®] branded accreditation services to thousands of providers in all fifty states, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands. The firm's accreditation model is centered on Ms. Canally's passionately held belief that "every patient deserves exemplary care and that healthcare delivery excellence should not be difficult or costly to achieve".

The firm's Exemplary Provider[®] program for HME/ DMEPOS dramatically simplifies the accreditation implementation process through the utilization of comprehensive plain language quality standards along with expert led teleconferences and webinars. Providers are also given access to hundreds of accreditation related documents as well as access to TCT's secure web portal for uploading patient satisfaction reports which are automatically benchmarked against reports submitted by provider locations throughout the US. Nearly 1.3 million standardized satisfaction reports have been uploaded onto TCT's portal since 1999 making its Patient Satisfaction Reporting and Benchmarking Service the oldest and likely the largest database of its kind.

**For more information, please go to: www.TheComplianceTeam.org
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Sandra C. Canally, RN, formed the Compliance Team, Inc. (TCT) in 1994. The firm's first Exemplary Provider[®] accreditation programs were launched in 1998. TCT is the first and remains the only certified woman-owned, for-profit, accreditation organization to be granted CMS deeming authority (Part A—Rural Health Clinic in 2014 & Part B—DMEPOS in 2006). All told, The Compliance Team offers its Exemplary Provider[™] accreditation in 11 different healthcare sectors including: Critical Access Hospital, Rural Health Clinic, Physician Practice, Immediate Care Clinic, Pharmacy Services (Community/ Specialty/ LTC/ Sterile & Non-sterile Compounding), DMEPOS, Sleep Care Management, Home Health (non-Medicare), Private Duty, Hospice (non-Medicare) and Ocularist.