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## **CVS/ Caremark and HMSA approve TCT for Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation**

National pharmacy benefit manager, CVS/ Caremark and HMSA (Hawai'i Medical Service Association) have approved The Compliance Team, Inc.'s (TCT) Exemplary Provider® accreditation program for Specialty Pharmacy following a comprehensive crosswalk of TCT's quality standards and accreditation process to similarly approved accreditation programs put forward by the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

The Compliance Team's Founder and Chief Executive Officer Sandra C. Canally, RN upon receiving word of CVS/ Caremark's and HMSA's approval observed that the news marks a seminal moment for the nationally recognized accreditation organization which was formed in 1994 and has been accrediting specialty pharmacies since 2002.

"We are very pleased with the positive outcome of CVS/ Caremark's review and HMSA's approval of TCT as an accreditation alternative to URAC and JCAHO. This decision coupled with TCT's deeming authority from Medicare to accredit Part A-Rural Health Clinics and Part B-DMEPOS providers further validates the efficacy of our operations-based accreditation and its status as a comparable alternative to other accreditation models," exclaimed the former Nurse Oncologist practitioner.

Canally, who is the principal author and architect of TCT's growing suite of healthcare accreditation programs also expressed her gratitude to Brian Carter, RPh, the owner of Westside Pharmacy in Hanapepe, HI for his resolve to keep The Compliance Team as Westside's accrediting body for its community, non-sterile compounding and specialty pharmacy services. "All of us at The Compliance Team are extremely grateful that Brian (Carter) insisted that CVS/ Caremark and HMSA conduct a formal review of our program," she explained.

During a recent telephone conversation with TCT representatives Mr. Carter of Westside Pharmacy expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of the recent review. "I had no doubt that once HMSA requested that CVS/ Caremark conduct this crosswalk comparison that The Compliance Team would pass with flying colors," explained the Kauai-based pharmacist.

In closing, Canally observed that The Compliance Team has been providing expert accreditation services to healthcare organizations including thousands of pharmacies since 1998. "Given CVS/ Caremark's and HMSA's recognition, I am delighted that we are able to continue to provide these services to Westside Pharmacy as we continue to provide these same services to the many specialty pharmacies we serve across the country."

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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 (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) deeming authority to accredit, Part A—Rural Health Clinics and Part B—DMEPOS; accrediting providers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.