



## **CLASSIC HOME CARE AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

**Arlington, TX 9/14/11**– Classic Home Care has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™ for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety in home care. The accreditation award recognizes Classic Home Care’s dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission’s state of the art standards.

Classic Home Care underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey in (September 10). A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated Classic Home Care for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Established in 1988, The Joint Commission’s Home Care Accreditation Program accredits more than 5,600 organizations. The Joint Commission’s standards address the home care organization’s performance in specific areas, and specify requirements to ensure that patient care and services are provided in a safe manner. The Joint Commission develops its standards in consultation with health care experts, providers and researchers, as well as measurement experts, purchasers and consumers.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, Classic Home Care has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients," says Margherita Labson, R.N., executive director, Home Care Accreditation, The Joint Commission. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend Classic Home Care for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

"With Joint Commission accreditation, we are making a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis from the top down. Joint Commission accreditation provides us a framework to take our organization to the next level and helps create a culture of excellence," says Stacy Hulse, Administrator. "Achieving Joint Commission accreditation, for our organization, is a major step toward maintaining excellence and continually improving the care we provide."

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 18,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. The Joint Commission also provides certification of more than 1,700 disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).