



## Press Release

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### **Evangelical Homes of Michigan's Home Care Agency is granted CHAP Accreditation**

Shared Services Home Health Care, a subsidiary of [Evangelical Homes of Michigan](http://www.evangelicalhomes.org), was granted accreditation by [The Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc](http://www.chap-accreditation.org) (CHAP) October 2009.

The **three year accreditation was granted** to Shared Services Home Health Care following an extensive on-site survey that was completed in July. **The accreditation is only given to agencies which have displayed a commitment to excellence above and beyond the required basic care standards set by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.** Founded in 1965 as a joint venture between the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the National League for Nursing (NLN), CHAP became an independent, non-profit corporation in 2001. For the last two decades the organization has been responsible for surveying home health care and hospice services to determine whether they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation. Accreditation is given to organizations that adhere to high standards of excellence in health care services and set an exceptional precedence for other organizations through-out the community.

“Receiving this national accreditation is a testament to the Evangelical Homes of Michigan commitment to quality care for those that we serve,” said Nancy Swierz, Director of Home Care and Community Services at Evangelical Homes of Michigan.

Shared Services Home Health Care is a wholly owned subsidiary of Evangelical Homes of Michigan based in Ann Arbor, which provides Medicare certified, skilled nursing and therapy related home care services to clients in a six county area including: Washtenaw, Wayne, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe and Oakland counties. For more information on Shared Services Home Health Care contact Nancy Swierz at [swierzn@evangelicalhomes.org](mailto:swierzn@evangelicalhomes.org).

**About [Evangelical Homes of Michigan \(EHM\)](#)**

**Evangelical Homes of Michigan** is a not for profit organization related to the United Church of Christ providing healthcare, housing and community services to seniors and their extended families. In 2007, EHM provided more than \$2.3 million in un-reimbursed charity care to residents, serving more than 1,400 individuals and their families through their campuses in Southeast Michigan; including Ann Arbor, Detroit, Saline and Sterling Heights. Founded in 1879, the organization is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, employs over 1000 individuals and enjoys over 15,000 hours of volunteer services annually. In 2006, EHM received the Business Enterprise Award from the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce and in 2004 and 2005 was named one of the Metro Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For by the Michigan Business Professional Association. For more information visit [www.evangelicalhomes.org](http://www.evangelicalhomes.org).

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