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## **2015 HomeCare Elite Recognizes Top Amedisys Care Teams Nationwide**

*110 Amedisys Home Health Care Centers recognized*

**Baton Rouge, La.** (November 11, 2015) – Amedisys, a leading healthcare at home company (NASDAQ: AMED), today announced that 110 of its care centers across the country have been named to the 2015 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States published annually by OCS HomeCare and DecisionHealth.

“The 2015 HomeCare Elite winners deserve credit for demonstrating high-quality care in their communities. As quality care initiatives become top-of-mind for healthcare providers, we recognize this as a remarkable achievement and are pleased to make this our 10th year of acknowledgement for top performing home health organizations,” said Christine Lang, VP of Product Development for OCS HomeCare. “We congratulate Amedisys on their 110 HomeCare Elite agencies across the country.”

HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of agencies and further highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS®), quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,718 agencies considered, 2,431 are elite.

“It is a privilege to provide essential, patient-centered health care to our patients and their families in the comfort of their own homes,” said Jane Carmody, DNP, MBA, RN, CENP, Chief Clinical Operations Officer of Amedisys Home Health and Hospice. “Being recognized among the country’s top home health care providers is a distinguished honor that shines the light on our team’s ongoing commitment to providing high-quality care day in and day out.”

The award is sponsored by OCS HomeCare by National Research Corporation, the leading provider of home health metrics and analytics, and DecisionHealth, publisher of independent newsletter in the home health profession, *Home Health Line*.

“Happy 10th anniversary to the winners of the HomeCare Elite. As CMS ramps up its nationwide initiatives to reward home care agencies for the quality of care they provide, this is yet another way

to acknowledge those agencies that have demonstrated their commitment to improving patient care at lower costs. The winners of the HomeCare Elite Award are proving that a heightened focus on clinical outcomes, patient experience, and financial management leads to success,” said Marci Heydt, Senior Content Manager, DecisionHealth.

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### **About Amedisys**

Amedisys, Inc. (NASDAQ: AMED) is a leading health care at home company delivering personalized [home health](#) and [hospice](#) care to more than 360,000 patients each year. More than 2,200 hospitals and 61,900 physicians nationwide have chosen Amedisys as a partner in post-acute care. Amedisys is focused on delivering the care that is best for our patients, whether that is home-based recovery and rehabilitation after an operation or injury, care focused on empowering them to manage a chronic disease, palliative care for those with a terminal illness, or hospice care at the end of life. Amedisys also has the industry's first-ever nationwide Care Transitions program, designed to reduce unnecessary hospital readmissions through patient and caregiver health coaching and care coordination, which starts in the hospital and continues throughout completion of the patient's home health plan of care. For more information about the Company, please visit: <http://www.amedisys.com>.

### **About National Research Corporation**

For more than 30 years, National Research Corporation (NASDAQ: NRCIA and NRCIB) has been at the forefront of patient-centered care. Today, the company's focus on empowering customer-centric healthcare across the continuum extends patient-centered care to incorporate families, communities, employees, senior housing residents, and other stakeholders.

National Research is dedicated to representing the true voice of patients and other healthcare stakeholders. This integration of cross-continuum metrics and analytics uncovers insights for effective performance improvement, quality measurement, care transitions, and many other factors that impact population health management.

For more information about HomeCare Elite, call 888-325-3396, write to [HomeCareElite@ocsys.com](mailto:HomeCareElite@ocsys.com) or visit [www.ocshomecare.com/HomeCare-Elite](http://www.ocshomecare.com/HomeCare-Elite).

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OASIS-C1 through its Board of Medical Specialty Coding & Compliance, and provides custom consulting services to agency leaders through its DecisionHealth Professional Services unit. For product information, call 1-855-CALL-DH1 or visit [www.decisionhealth.com](http://www.decisionhealth.com).

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