Northwest Home Health Agency announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2019 HomeCare Elite®, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For 14 years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlighted the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall.

The ranking is developed by ABILITY® Network, a leading information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare. It is sponsored by DecisionHealth, part of the H3.Group.

“We’re pleased to recognize Northwest Home Health Agency for exemplifying best practice in patient care,” said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. “Northwest Homes Health’s home health professionals have demonstrated exceptional commitment to care quality and the patient experience.”

Julie Harper, PT, RN, Northwest Home Health Agency Director, credits dedicated professionals and excellent clinical skills with the agency’s ability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. “We are very proud of this award and celebrate with all our home health employees this wonderful accomplishment," said Mrs. Harper.

“Congratulations to Northwest Home Health Agency from all of your coworkers at Russellville Hospital,” said Stephen Proctor, COO/Interim CEO of Russellville Hospital. “Your leadership and staff have placed a premium on the patient care your agency provides as showcased by your quality outcome scores. The entire community benefits from the compassion that your staff shows toward your patients, leading to cost savings for the entire healthcare system.”

HomeCare Elite agencies are determined by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, best practices implementation, patient experience (HHCAHPS), quality improvement and consistency, and financial health. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least three outcomes in Home Health Compare. Out of 8,818 agencies considered, 2,207 are recognized on the 2019 HomeCare Elite winners list overall.

The entire list of 2019 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at [abilitynetwork.com/homecare-elite](https://abilitynetwork.com/homecare-elite/).