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Exemplary Provider™ Accreditation Earned By DiaMed, Inc.

Canton, OH — DiaMed, Inc., a specialty provider of Home Medical Equipment and Oxygen serving Northeastern Ohio, has successfully fulfilled the requirements for receiving the Exemplary Provider™ Certificate of Accreditation from The Compliance Team, Inc.; a nationally recognized healthcare accrediting body based in Ambler, Pennsylvania.

After learning of his company's exemplary performance during the Compliance Team's recent validation visit, DiaMed, Inc. President, Scott Wakser was most pleased. "We consider this a great accomplishment," he exclaimed. "Everyone associated with our family of companies can be justifiably proud of their performance in helping us prepare for this honor," he announced recently at the company's Canton, Ohio headquarters.

Sandra Canally, RN, the founder and president of the Compliance Team, observed that Wakser's business is the most recent successful participant in the Exemplary DME industry's most comprehensive and innovative accreditation program. "Scott and his staff have done a terrific job. They are a tremendous example of a safe, honest and caring specialty homecare provider that is most deserving of this recognition," declared Ms. Canally.

In addition to putting in place fraud and abuse awareness safeguards, DiaMed has implemented patient care improvement plans as part of a rigorous continuously measured accreditation process. The program features annual validation visits and requires scoring of 90% or better to achieve accredited status. It also requires that DiaMed, Inc. perform patient Outcomes Tracking that are then reviewed quarterly by the Compliance Team.

Based in Canton, Ohio, DiaMed, Inc. began in 1995 with a medical equipment and supply division to service hospitals and office-based physicians in Northeast Ohio and Eastern Michigan. DiaMed has helped set-up and now provides service to some of the largest physician practices in the area and is proud to be endorsed by the Stark County Medical Society, Mercy Medical Center, University Hospital Health Systems, The Medical Society of Greater Akron and many others.

In 1998 DiaMed recognized a need in the community and expanded operations to include a home medical division providing respiratory, mobility and home care products for patients. The compassionate and knowledgeable DiaMed team works with physicians, therapists, family members and other health care professionals to ensure that our customers receive the products that are *right for their needs*. The DiaMed team continually educates customers on their choices involving providers and assists with insurance carriers including Medicare and Medicaid. DiaMed also maintains a 24 hour Oxygen Hotline to service oxygen customers and has a showroom at its office location.

"We choose Exemplary Provider™ Accreditation because the Compliance Team's validation process was simply one of the best we looked at that totally meets the accreditation requirements of the Medicare Modernization Act. We see their accreditation as a recognition of quality that highlights our on-going commitment to maintaining the highest levels of patient care excellence," Wakser concluded.

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