

# Eastern Maine HomeCare

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Visiting Nurses of Aroostook Ranked Among the Top 25 Percent of Home Health Providers in the Country

**Aroostook County— Visiting Nurses of Aroostook (VNA)** today announced that it has been named to the 2008 HomeCare Elite, a compilation of the most successful Medicare-certified home health care providers in the United States. This annual review identifies the top 25 percent of agencies, ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement and financial performance.

“The 2008 HomeCare Elite winners exemplify a commitment to providing their patients with optimum care while performing at the highest level,” said Nancy Buller, Senior Director of Marketing Communications at OCS, Inc. “We congratulate Visiting Nurses of Aroostook on being one of the top home care agencies in the country.”

Sandra Scott-Adams, VNA Executive Vice President credits staff with the company’s ability to rank as one of the HomeCare Elite. She said, “Our staff members are committed to delivering the best home healthcare services as effectively and efficiently as possible. Despite our large geographic size and rural population our clinicians and office staff work hard everyday to ensure that our neighbors and friends in Aroostook County can receive excellent care in their home. This recognition proves we’re doing just that.”

For almost 40 years Visiting Nurses of Aroostook has been providing services to their Aroostook County neighbors and friends. Last year their caring staff drove 714,089 miles to provide 37,178 visits to 1,264 patients and their families. Home care services are paid for by public and private sources, or directly by patients and their families. Generous donations from individuals, businesses and towns allow for continued high quality service. A part of the Eastern Maine HomeCare Family, and a member of EMHS, Visiting Nurses of Aroostook works to ensure the highest quality home care and hospice is available to all who need it in the nearly 80 towns they serve. For more information about its home care and hospice services, please visit them at [www.visitingnursesofaroostook.org](http://www.visitingnursesofaroostook.org) or call 498-2578.

“DecisionHealth would like to congratulate the top HomeCare Elite agencies that achieved excellent clinical and financial outcomes by providing quality care to their patients,” adds Marci Heydt, Executive Editor of DecisionHealth’s *Home Health Line*. The 2008 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2008 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry by OCS, Inc., the leading provider of healthcare informatics, and DecisionHealth, publisher of home care’s most respected independent newsletter [...home health line](#). The entire list of the 2008 HomeCare Elite agencies can be viewed by visiting the OCS web site at [www.ocsys.com/HCE](http://www.ocsys.com/HCE).

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