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MJHS Home Care Agency Earns Unprecedented Certification for its Heart Failure Disease Management Program

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NEW YORK— MJHS Home Care today announced that it earned disease-specific certification for its home care-based heart failure disease management program. MJHS Home Care, following sister agency First to Care Home Care, Inc., becomes the second such agency in the country to be awarded this unprecedented distinction by The Joint Commission—the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. With a diverse patient population that spans the Greater New York area, including Nassau and Westchester counties, MJHS Home Care earned this unique honor after an extensive on-site assessment of the program, its processes to evaluate and improve care, as well as patient outcomes.

“The Joint Commission congratulates MJHS for continuing to demonstrate an exceptional level of patient care,” says Jean Range, MS RN CPHQ, Executive Director of Disease-Specific Care Certification, The Joint Commission. “Certification is a rigorous process and remains the best signal to patients, their loved ones and the greater medical community that the quality of provided care is effectively managed, as well as customized to meet the unique and specialized needs of heart failure patients.”

The Joint Commission’s Disease-Specific Care Certification program is the first of its kind in the U.S. to certify disease management programs.

“MJHS’ numerous successes, including our Joint Commission certifications, are the result of us encouraging increased and effective communication between patients and their complete medical care team,” says Susan Cummins Caputo, RN BSN MPA, President of MJHS Home Care. She adds, “Our innovative, culturally-sensitive approach to how we manage chronic conditions is rooted in MJHS’ values of compassion, respect and dignity for every individual. And those values have guided us every step of the way since we were founded by The Four Brooklyn Ladies in 1907.”

Added Lenard L. Parisi, RN MA CPHQ FNAHQ, Vice President Quality Management at MJHS, “Achieving disease-specific certification for MJHS Home Care’s heart failure disease

management program illustrates MJHS's commitment to evidence-based practice, patient care quality and safety.”

First to Care Home Care, Inc. is a joint venture between MJHS and Maimonides Medical Center.

About MJHS

MJHS is a charitable not-for-profit organization with more than a century of providing quality, compassionate and innovative health services to New Yorkers of all ages, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. MJHS is uniquely positioned to provide the right level of care when and where it is most needed—so the majority of its care recipients are able to continue living at home and we can help reduce hospital readmissions. The MJHS robust portfolio includes: home care, hospice, palliative care, centers for rehabilitation and nursing care, health plans, independent living and adult day health care. For more information, visit www.mjhs.org or call 1-855-692-5058.

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