

## **HOOSIER UPLANDS HOME HEALTH CARE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

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**Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care, a non-profit, locally operated agency governed by a volunteer board of directors has been serving Hoosiers in Southern Indiana since 1977. On 07/01/77 Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care became Medicare certified. Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care had 18 patients at the time it received Medicare certification. Over 80 local individuals are employed to serve the counties of Lawrence, Orange, Martin, Washington and Crawford, and portions of Harrison, Dubois, Jackson, Scott and Clark.**

**On 01/31/94 Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care became accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program, which is commonly referred to as CHAP. CHAP accreditation means that an agency goes above and beyond the standards set for Medicare certification. CHAP accreditation is in a sense a gold seal of approval.**

**Quality standards guide staff in providing comprehensive skilled care services to client's in their homes, under physician orders.**

**Skilled Nurses provide assessments, hands-on care and teaching. Needs related to diabetes, wounds, post hospital recovery, cancer, infusion therapy and palliative care are some of those addressed by Hoosier Uplands Nurses.**

**Physical, Speech & Occupational Therapist offer rehabilitation, increasing home safety.**

**Home Health Aides assist with the client's personal care needs.**

**Medical Social Services help clients and caregivers deal with problems that prevent them from gaining their maximum level of independence and wellness.**

**Client Maintenance, also referred to as Respite, allows caregivers to take a break from the daily responsibilities of caring for a loved one at home. Hoosier Uplands Client Maintenance services are supervised by an RN under physician's orders.**

**Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care provides services under a variety of payer sources, including: Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration, Commercial Insurance, Private Pay, Social Services Block Grants, Medicaid Waiver and CHOICE.**

**On 10/01/96 Hoosier Uplands Hospice became Medicare certified. Hoosier Uplands Hospice helps clients and their families through the last phase of incurable illness, enabling them to live as fully and comfortably as possible at home, whether that home be a private residence or a skilled nursing facility.**

**For additional information on Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care & Hospice please feel free to visit our website at [www.hoosieruplands.org](http://www.hoosieruplands.org) or call us at 1-800-827-2219.**