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## **Shepherd's Cove Hospice Awarded CHAP Accreditation**

Albertville, Alabama — October 2, 2024— Community Health Accreditation Partner, Inc., (CHAP) announced today that Shepherd's Cove Hospice has been awarded CHAP Accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence.

CHAP Accreditation demonstrates that Shepherd's Cove Hospice meets the industry's highest nationally recognized standards. The rigorous evaluation by CHAP focuses on structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources and long-term viability. Simply stated, adherence to CHAP's standards leads to better quality care.

"By achieving CHAP Accreditation, Shepherd's Cove Hospice has shown a commitment to excellence," said Nathan DeGodt, CHAP President and CEO. "We are excited to begin our partnership with Shepherd's Cove Hospice by offering support in its commitment to providing quality care and continuous improvement."

Shepherd's Cove Hospice provides Hospice, Palliative Care, and Grief Support services to patients and their families in Marshall, Madison, Jackson, DeKalb, Etowah, St. Clair, Blount, Cullman, and Morgan Counties.

CHAP is an independent, not-for-profit, accrediting body for community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in community-based care.

CHAP is the oldest national, community-based accrediting body with more than 9,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through "deeming authority" granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CHAP has the regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice and home medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP's purpose is to define and advance the highest standards of community-based care.

For more information about the CHAP accreditation process, please visit the CHAP website at <https://chapinc.org>. For additional information on CHAP, please contact Teresa Harbour, Chief Operating Officer, at 202.467.1701, or [teresa.harbour@chapinc.org](mailto:teresa.harbour@chapinc.org).

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