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Unique in its design and purpose, the Accreditation Program for Home Health Agencies and Community Nursing Services is a voluntary process open to all such agencies, regardless of their corporate structure. It is designed to assist agencies in evaluating and improving the quality of their health care delivery systems. The program is jointly sponsored by the National League for Nursing (NLN) and the American Public Health Association (APHA) and is administered by NLN’s Division of Accreditation.

An agency’s achievement of accredited status promotes national recognition of its excellence and provides a guide for prospective consumers seeking such services. Initiated in 1966 by NLN and APHA to fill the need for an effective evaluation instrument, the program accredits visiting nurse associations, units of health departments, combinations of visiting nurse associations and health department services, hospital-based home care programs, and private agencies. The program’s national standards are formulated by the Accreditation Standards Committee, comprised of representatives of those disciplines that provide out-of-institution health and personal care services.

An agency seeking accreditation must submit a comprehensive self-study report based on the Criteria and Standards Manual. A site visit to validate the report then is made by a community/home health consultant from the NLN staff and an agency administrator of a comparable, accredited agency located in a different state.
The determination to grant or withhold accreditation is made by a Board of Review comprised of community health nurse executives, other agency administrators, physicians, other health professionals, and representatives of agency governing boards. The peer board's decision is based on: a study of the agency's and peer visitors' reports; a report from the Professional Review Panel; an evaluation of the agency's activities in relation to the criteria and standards; the agency's stated purpose and its attempts to meet the health needs of the community it serves. An agency dissatisfied with the board's decision is granted the right of appeal.

Continuance as an accredited home health agency or community nursing service is subject to periodic review and site visits. The minimum requirements are an interim report three years after accreditation has been granted and a new self-study and site visit every five years.

At present there are 102 accredited home health agencies and community nursing services. Anyone interested in further information on the accreditation process should request it from the Division of Accreditation Services, NLN.
NLN/APHA ACCREDITED AGENCIES
As of April 1981

ALABAMA

Community Nursing and Home Health Services, Bureau of Public Health Nursing, Jefferson County Department of Health, Birmingham

ARIZONA

Community Health Nursing, Phoenix Area Indian Health Service, Phoenix

CALIFORNIA

Visiting Nurse Association and Homemaker Service of San Diego, San Diego
Visiting Nurse Association, Santa Clara

CONNECTICUT

Visiting Nurse Association, Bridgeport
The Combined Public Health Nursing Service of Fairfield, Fairfield
Public Health Nursing Service, Department of Health, Greenwich
Groton Public Health Nursing Service, Groton
The Guilford Nursing and Homemaker Services, Guilford
The Visiting Nurse and Home Care Services, Hartford
Manchester Public Health Nursing Association, Manchester
The Visiting Nurse Association of New Haven, New Haven
Public Health Nursing Service, Norwich Community Services, Norwich

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Community Nursing & Home Health Services, Department of Human Services, Washington
Visiting Nurse Association, Washington

FLORIDA

Home Health Services of the United States, Inc., Hallandale
Visiting Nurse Association of Dade County, Miami
Palm Beach Regional Visiting Nurse Association, West Palm Beach
GEORGIA
Visiting Nurse Association of Metropolitan Atlanta, Atlanta

HAWAII
Home Care Services, Saint Francis Hospital, Honolulu & Kauai

ILLINOIS
Division of Nursing, Cook County Department of Public Health, Maywood
The Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago, Chicago
Visiting Nurse Association of Evanston, Evanston

INDIANA
Visiting Nurse Service of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne
Northwest Indiana Home Health Services—VNA, Hammond
Bureau of Community Health Nursing, The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indianapolis
Visiting Nurse Home Care Association, Indianapolis

IOWA
The Public Health Nursing Association of Des Moines, Des Moines
The Public Health Nursing Association of Linn County, Cedar Rapids

LOUISIANA
Home Health Services of Louisiana, New Orleans

MAINE
Community Health Services, Portland
York County Health Services, Saco

MARYLAND
Visiting Nurse Association, Baltimore

MASSACHUSETTS
Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, Boston
MASSACHUSETTS — Continued

Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association, Holyoke
Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lynn, Lynn
Laboure Center Visiting Nurse Service, South Boston
Visiting Nurse Association of Worcester, Worcester

MICHIGAN

Community Nursing & Home Health Services, Washtenaw County Health Department and Visiting Nurse Association of Huron Valley, Ann Arbor
Visiting Nurse Association of Metropolitan Detroit, Detroit
Visiting Nurse Association of Saginaw, Saginaw

MINNESOTA

Combined Nursing Service, Minneapolis Health Department & Visiting Nurse Service, Minneapolis

MISSOURI

Community Nursing & Home Health Services, Cardinal Ritter Institute, St. Louis

NEBRASKA

Public Health Nursing Division, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Lincoln
The Visiting Nurse Association of Omaha, Omaha

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Concord
Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester, Manchester
Portsmouth Community Health Services, Portsmouth

NEW JERSEY

Community Nursing Service of Essex and West Hudson, East Orange
Visiting Nurse and Health Services, Elizabeth
Visiting Nurse Association of Morris County, Morristown
The Public Health Nursing Association for Burlington County, Mt. Holly
Visiting Nurse Association of Trenton, Trenton
Gloucester County Visiting Nurse Association, Woodbury
NEW YORK

Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Albany
The Childbearing Center, Maternity Center Association, New York
Visiting Nurse Service of New York, New York

OHIO

Visiting Nurse Service of Summit County, Akron
Visiting Nurse Society of Central Stark County, Canton
The Visiting Nurse Association of the Cincinnati Area, Cincinnati
The Visiting Nurse Association of Cleveland, Cleveland
Community Nursing & Home Health Services, Public Health Nursing Association of Dayton & Montgomery County, Dayton
Toledo District Nurse Association, Toledo
Visiting Nurse Association of Youngstown, Youngstown

OKLAHOMA

Nursing Service, Inc., Tulsa

PENNSYLVANIA

Visiting Nurse Association of Eastern Montgomery County, Abington
Home Nursing Agency of Blair, Huntington & Fulton Counties, Altoona
Visiting Nurse Association of Ambler & Vicinity, Ambler
Homeaide Healthcare Agency, Bensalem
Community Nursing Service of Chester & Vicinity, Chester
Visiting Nurse Association, Easton
Community Nursing Service of Johnstown, Johnstown
Berks County Visiting Nurse-Home Health Agency, Reading
Visiting Nurse Association of York and York County, York

RHODE ISLAND

Visiting Nurse Service of Newport, Newport
Visiting Nurse Association of Providence, Cranston, Johnston, & North Providence, Providence
RHODE ISLAND — Continued

Washington County Public Health Nursing Association, Wakefield
Kent County Visiting Nurse Association, West Warwick
Visiting Nurse Service of Greater Woonsocket, Woonsocket

SOUTH CAROLINA

Community Nursing & Home Health Services, Department of Health & Environmental Control, South Carolina:

- Appalachia I Health District, Anderson
- Appalachia II Health District, Greenville
- Appalachia III Health District, Spartanburg
- Catawba Health District, Lancaster
- Central Midlands Health District, Columbia
- Low Country Health District, Beaufort
- Lower Savannah I Health District, Aiken
- Lower Savannah II Health District, Orangeburg
- Pee Dee I Health District, Florence
- Pee Dee II Health District, Bennettsville
- Trident Health District, Charleston
- Upper Savannah Health District, Greenwood
- Waccamaw Health District, Myrtle Beach
- Wateree Health District, Sumter

TEXAS

Visiting Nurse Association of Dallas, Dallas
Community Nursing Services, Harris County Health Department, Houston
Visiting Nurse Association of Houston, Houston

UTAH

Salt Lake Community Nursing Service, Salt Lake City

VERMONT

Visiting Nurse Association, Burlington
Caledonia Home Health Care Agency, St. Johnsbury

VIRGINIA

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern Virginia, Arlington
Instructive Visiting Nurse Association, Richmond
WISCONSIN
Visiting Nurse Service, Madison
Visiting Nurse Association of Milwaukee, Milwaukee

SOUTH CAROLINA

Oklahoma
Nursing Service, Inc., Tulsa

TEXAS
Arlington Nurses Association of Dallas County

North Carolina
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