HOME HEALTH AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES ACCREDITED BY NLN/APHA

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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 Services.

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 105 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 October 1982

ALABAMA
Community Nursing and Home Health Services, Bureau of Public Health Nursing, Jefferson County Department of Health, Birmingham
Visiting Nurse Association-Home Care Services, 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, Mystic
The Visiting Nurse and Home Care Inc., Plainville
Manchester Public Health Nursing Association, Manchester
The Visiting Nurse Association of New Haven, New Haven
United Community Services, Norwich
MAINE
Community Health Services, Portland
York County Health Services, Saco

MASSACHUSETTS
Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, Boston
Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association, Holyoke
Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lynn, Lynn
Labourer 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
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Community Nursing & Home Health Services, Department of Human Services, Washington
Visiting Nurse Association, Washington

FLORIDA
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
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

OREGON

Community Health Services, Marion County Health Department, Salem

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/Delaware County, Lansdowne
Berks County Visiting Nurse-Home Health Agency, Reading
Home Health Services of Chester County & Vicinity, Wayne
RHODE ISLAND
Northwest Community Nursing & Health Services, Harmony
Visiting Nurse Service of Newport, Newport
Visiting Nurse Association of Providence, Cranston, Johnston, & North Providence, Providence
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
Home Health Services of Dallas, Inc., Dallas
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
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