

Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services Receives Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Award

Pictured left to right is award presenter Diana Norton with eQ Health Solutions, Mary "Toddie" Grezaffi, RN, BSN, Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services Administrator and Brenda Goode, RN, Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services DON



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Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services has received a 2010 Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Award presented by eQHealth Solutions, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana.

With this award, Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services has been recognized for improving the quality of health care given to their patients, and Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services is one of 17 home health agencies in the state to receive the 2010 Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Award.

Previously titled the Louisiana Home Health Quality Awards (platinum, gold, silver and bronze levels), the Louisiana Home Health Capstone Quality Awards recognizes Louisiana home health agencies that have excelled at reducing avoidable acute care hospitalizations (ACH).

The clinical topics measured for the awards have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Staff members from Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services have been working with quality improvement specialists from eQHealth Solutions to use proven, evidence-based practices to improve care for their patients.

"As witnessed by the new health care reform law, and corresponding debate, we all recognize that making improvements to our health care system comes at a slow pass and our health care system remains broken. This is frustrating. Yet, as we all struggle to improve our state's poor health statistics and poor health outcomes, progress is being made," said Gary Curtis, CEO of eQHealth Solutions. "Health care providers in Louisiana have committed to reducing the rates of infections, pressure ulcers, surgical injuries, unnecessary hospital re-admissions and many other key measures of health care quality. At our annual Medicare Quality Summit, eQHealth is proud to recognize the providers and facilities that making health better for the people and communities they serve."

"The staff of Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services is dedicated to providing the very best in home health care and our efforts have been enhanced through our quality improvement partnerships with eQHealth Solutions. We are extremely proud to be a recipient of this distinguished award," said Mary "Toddie" Grezaffi, RN, BSN, Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services Administrator.

Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services is a non-profit home health agency and has been in operation for the past 26 years. The agency services Pointe Coupee Parish as well as areas of Iberville, West Baton Rouge and Avoyelles Parishes. Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services is located at 350 Hospital Road in New Roads, La.

To contact Pointe Coupee Homebound Health Services for more information call (225) 638-5717 or visit our website at www.pchhh.org. For more information about eQHealth Solutions' Louisiana Home Health Quality Awards, please go to <http://louisianaqio.eqhs.org>. — New Roads Daily News