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Bayada Nurses Named a National Best Practice Agency For the Home Care Industry

October 20, 2005 – Moorestown, NJ – The Bayada Nurses office in Sarasota, FL was named a National Best Practice Agency in the Briggs® National Quality Improvement/Hospitalization Reduction Study co-sponsored by the National Association for Home Care and Fazzi Associates. The study identified best practices and processes used by the nation's most successful agencies and showed insight into which strategies were used to achieve such low hospitalization rates. The results were published in the October 2005 edition of *CARING Magazine*.

“This is a great honor and a testament to our effective case management and follow-up skills”, said Director Tonna Aspinall, “and the fact that we take the time to truly understand our clients’ needs. Those are major contributors to our success in achieving such low hospitalization rates.”

Other factors Aspinall attributed to their success were the availability of on-call clinical specialists 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week, and quick follow-up to a “falls” report.

“When a client reports a fall, we make sure we go out and follow up with them within 24 hours”, said Aspinall. “We make sure we’re there for them to prevent any further problems that could lead to a costly readmission to the hospital.”

Founded in 1975, Bayada Nurses is an independently-owned home health care agency that provides skilled, rehabilitative, therapeutic and personal care services to children, adults and seniors at home. Bayada Nurses employs over 12,000 nurses, home health aides, and therapists working from more than 120 offices in 15 states.

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