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### **Nursing Home Quality, LLC and Pathway Health Services, Inc. agree to Implementation Partnership**

*Nursing Home Quality, LLC partners with Pathway Health Services, Inc. to implement the abaqis® Quality Assurance System in order to increase nursing home compliance with federal regulations while improving the quality of care and quality of life of their residents.*

May 2009 – Nursing Home Quality LLC, the national leader in long-term care quality assurance and improvement solutions, announced that they will partner with Pathway Health Services, Inc. in implementing their web-based Nursing Home Quality Assurance Program, abaqis®.

abaqis® replicates the government’s annual inspection (the Quality Indicator Survey (QIS)), utilized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure that skilled nursing facilities are compliant with federal regulations. It comprehensively guides a facility’s quality assurance efforts based on QIS concepts and processes, electronically manages resident information, and provides analysis of facility data based on national thresholds.

“Facilities that use abaqis® not only familiarize themselves with the QIS process, which is being implemented nationally,” says Andrew Kramer, M.D., CEO of Nursing Home Quality, “but they also develop an ongoing internal quality assurance program that helps them provide better care and quality of life to their residents.”

“Because of the enormous response and demand for abaqis® resulting from our exclusive sales and marketing agreement with Medline Industries, we needed an implementation partner with expertise in long-term care, quality assurance, and software implementation to help us deliver abaqis® to our clients,” says Peter Kramer, COO of Nursing Home Quality. “Pathway Health Services is an ideal partner for us. They have great depth of knowledge relating to quality assurance and compliance in long-term care. We have trained them extensively on abaqis® and QIS, and we have no doubt that they will be an invaluable resource for our customers.”

“abaqis® is the finest quality tool that has been made available to nursing home providers,” states Diane Vaughn, Director of Quality Initiatives for Pathway Health Services. “It not only quantifies the QIS regulatory data and displays risk assessment in a useful format for root cause analysis, but it also integrates easily into existing facility systems so continuous survey readiness can be maintained on an on-going basis.”

“Partnering with Nursing Home Quality keeps us on the cutting edge of survey management, quality management, and of the transformation of long-term care delivery,” she says, “It's a privilege to assist homes in implementing abaqis® and to be a part of enhancing resident-centered care.”

Pathway Health Services, Inc. is an independently-owned, nationally-recognized consulting and management company. Pathway provides services to long term health care, senior housing, assisted living and home care. They employ a team of experienced, hands-on professionals with an outstanding track record in both for-profit and non-profit organizations providing management, education, consulting services and technical support. For more information about Pathway, please visit their website at [www.pathwayhealth.com](http://www.pathwayhealth.com).

Nursing Home Quality assists nursing home operators and staff members in improving the quality of care and life for their residents. Nursing Home Quality trains surveyors and certifies state survey agency trainers in QIS under contract to CMS, and provides affordable and reliable QIS training and web-based systems to nursing homes. For more information on Nursing Home Quality, or to set up a demonstration of the abaqis® system, please contact Ellen Sandler at [ellen.sandler@nursinghomequality.com](mailto:ellen.sandler@nursinghomequality.com), or at 866-221-0184 x108. abaqis® is sold exclusively through Medline Industries, Inc.

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