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Neighborly Care Network Appoints New Medical Director

(St. Petersburg, FL) Neighborly Care Network is proud to announce the appointment of Vincent James DiLella, DO, board-certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians, as the new medical director of the Neighborly Care Network Medicare Home Health program and the Neighborly *choice*sm program. Dr. DiLella has specialized in Family Practice for the past 15 years and currently has his own practice in Dunedin. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American Heart Association, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Association, and the American Medical Directors Association.

Dr. DiLella earned his undergraduate degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, and his medical degree from Southeastern University of the Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine. While completing his internship and residency at Suncoast Hospital in Largo, he was honored as the Chief Resident of Family Practice Residence and in 1994, was awarded the AOA/Burroughs Wellcome Resident Leadership Award. He is currently affiliated with Mease Hospital Dunedin, Mease Hospital Countryside, and Suncoast Hospital.

“Dr. DiLella was appointed medical director because of his strong background and focus on the needs of his senior patients,” said Cyndi Hill, director of Medicare Home Health for Neighborly Care Network. As medical director of the Neighborly Medicare Home Health and *choice*sm programs, Dr. DiLella will guide future expansion of the program. He will also assist in raising public awareness of senior issues such as malnutrition and memory-related disorders, and their link to other serious health problems.

The Neighborly Medicare Home Health program is available to clients needing skilled services intermittently (requires a physician’s order). Coordinated and supervised by a registered nurse, these services are offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in the privacy and comfort of the

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client's home. The program is Medicare certified and licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

The *choice*sm Program (Choosing Homecare Over Institutionalized Care Environment) offers home- and community-based service, both acute and long-term, as an alternative to nursing home care.

For more information on the Neighborly Medicare Home Health or *choice*sm program, call 727-573-9444.

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