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**Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP Earns ACHC Distinction in Hazardous Drug Handling**

*Becomes First Organization in Pennsylvania to Achieve Hazardous Drug Handling Distinction.*

Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 19, 2019—Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP, one of the largest and most clinically advanced providers of home infusion, specialty pharmacy, and enteral nutrition in the nation, recently earned Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) Distinction in Hazardous Drug Handling. Chartwell becomes the first organization in the state of Pennsylvania to achieve ACHC Distinction in Hazardous Drug Handling and just the third nationwide to achieve ACHC Distinction in both Hazardous Drug Handling and Oncology.

“Chartwell is proud to be the only pharmacy in the mid-Atlantic region to claim ACHC Distinction in Hazardous Drug Handling and Oncology,” said Chartwell President Kathleen Patrick. “Chartwell continues to be at the forefront of innovation and continuous improvement in home infusion, enteral nutrition, and specialty pharmacy services. This achievement is also a testament to Chartwell’s patient-first philosophy and our ongoing dedication to patient satisfaction and employee safety at every level.”

Hazardous Drug Handling Distinction recognizes organizations that demonstrate a commitment to meeting United States Pharmacopeia (USP) standards aimed at protecting patients, pharmacy personnel, and the environment. The compliance criteria, as set forth in USP Chapter <800> Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings, reviews the responsibilities of “personnel handling hazardous drugs;

facility and engineering controls; procedures for deactivating, decontaminating, and cleaning; spill control; and documentation.”

Chartwell is USP Chapter <800> compliant. The company took a proactive approach towards early adoption that coincided with a move and consolidation to a new, 54,000-square-foot headquarters.

“Chartwell embraced early implementation of Hazardous Drug Handling protocols to ensure the safest possible environment for our skilled clinicians and support staff,” said Chartwell COO David Benedict, PharmD, BCPS. “We take great pride in meeting and surpassing USP standards in our new, state-of-the-art facilities.”

ACHC accreditation is a process through which healthcare organizations demonstrate compliance with national standards. Accreditation by ACHC reflects an organization’s dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care. ACHC is a nonprofit organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. ACHC is ISO 9001:2015 certified and has CMS deeming authority for Home Health, Hospice and DMEPOS.

### **About Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP**

Chartwell is a limited partnership between UPMC, Butler Health System, Heritage Valley Health System, and Washington Health System with three branch locations in Altoona, Erie, and Pittsburgh. For more than 28 years, Chartwell has provided the latest in advanced therapies and medications to patients for the treatment of chronic, rare, and/or complex conditions. The pharmacy provides services, therapies, and medications for home infusion, specialty pharmacy, and enteral nutrition throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Florida, and South Carolina.

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