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**Chartwell Named Preferred Provider for PA Medical Assistance Fee-For-Service Beneficiaries**

*DHS Specialty Drug Program provider agreement to be implemented October 2020.*

Pittsburgh, PA, September 10, 2020—Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP, one of the largest and most clinically advanced providers of home infusion, specialty pharmacy, and enteral nutrition in the nation, was recently awarded a preferred provider agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Medical Assistance Fee-For-Service Specialty Pharmacy Drug Program. Chartwell becomes just one of two organizations to serve as preferred specialty pharmacy providers to fee-for-service beneficiaries beginning October 2020. According to the DHS, awardees were selected based on their experience in the distribution of specialty pharmacy treatments, patient adherence and compliance statistics, and excellence in clinical operations, including patient-specific education, guidance, support, and communication efforts.

“On behalf of my colleagues at Chartwell, we are honored to serve as one of the commonwealth’s preferred specialty pharmacy providers for Medicaid beneficiaries,” said Chartwell President Kathleen Patrick. “As an industry leader in compliance monitoring and clinical support, Chartwell is uniquely positioned to serve and advocate on behalf of this often-overlooked patient population.”

Chartwell specialty pharmacy boasts an incredible 99 percent patient satisfaction score and adherence measures above 97 percent since its inception in 2010. Chartwell has access to more than 100 limited-

distribution medications and offers free, temperature-controlled delivery to their valued patients. In 2019, the pharmacy's dedicated Patient Advocate team secured more than \$9 million dollars in financial assistance to set a new company record. Chartwell also sponsors a Patient Advisory Council, which invites current and former patients and their families into the pharmacy's decision-making process.

“Applicants were judged based on a wide variety of criteria that included not only our dedication to clinical excellence and our threshold for the added population, but also the many programs we have in place to educate our patients,” said Project Director Cheri Cwynar, who led Chartwell's application efforts for the DHS Specialty Drug Program. “Chartwell embraces a patient-first philosophy that places our patient's safety and dignity above all else.”

### **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 30 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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