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### **Hospice of Garrett County, Inc. Named a 2017 Hospice Honors Recipient**

Oakland, Maryland-May 17, 2017 — Hospice of Garrett County has been named a 2017 Hospice Honors recipient by Deyta Analytics, a division of [HEALTHCAREfirst](#), the leading provider of Web-based home health and hospice software, outsourced billing and coding services, and advanced analytics. Hospice Honors is a prestigious program that recognizes hospices providing the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver's point of view.

"Hospice Honors is a landmark compilation of hospices that provide the best patient and caregiver experiences," said J. Kevin Porter of [HEALTHCAREfirst](#). "I am extremely proud of Hospice of Garrett County, Inc. for achieving this highest of honors and I congratulate them on their success."

Award criteria were based on Hospice CAHPS survey results for an evaluation period of October 2015 through September 2016. Award recipients were identified by evaluating performance on a set of 24 quality indicator measures. Performance scores were aggregated from all completed surveys and were compared on a question-by-question basis to a National Performance Score calculated from all partnering hospices contained in the Deyta Analytics' Hospice CAHPS database. Hospice Honors recipients include those hospices scoring above the Deyta Analytics National Performance Score on 20 of the evaluated questions. Deyta Analytics holds a special recognition, Hospice Honors Elite, to honor hospices scoring above the Deyta Analytics National Performance Score on all 24 of the evaluated questions.

Hospice of Garrett County, Inc., Donna Brenneman-Executive Director, credits her outstanding and dedicated staff. She said, "We thank the residents of Garrett County for all that they do in support of our mission. We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve the terminally ill in our community".

For more information regarding the services provided or assisting with volunteer projects contact the Hospice office at 301.334.5151 or [djbrenneman1@gmail.com](mailto:djbrenneman1@gmail.com).