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## Kinney Drugs 1st Patient-Centered Pharmacy Home™ Accreditation Recipient

10/10/17 SPRING HOUSE, PA– Kinney Drugs, the 114-year-old employee-owned drug store chain based in upstate Gouverneur, New York has earned Exemplary Provider® accredited status for Patient-Centered Pharmacy Home<sup>™</sup> (PCPH), The Compliance Team's (TCT) latest accreditation track that is focused on advanced pharmacy practices dealing with chronically ill patients.

According to Sandra C. Canally, founder and CEO of The Compliance Team, Inc., a Medicare-approved national healthcare accreditation organization, her firm launched its proprietary Patient-Centered Pharmacy Home<sup>™</sup> program in June 2017. Kinney Drugs, which is also accredited by The Compliance Team for Community Pharmacy, Medicare Part-B DMEPOS and Long-term Care Pharmacy, was its first PCPH accreditation enrollee.

"Over the years, we have noticed a need for better communication and coordination regarding medication management. This new accreditation track provides the framework by which a pharmacy organization can better engage with their chronic care patients. Better outcomes are driven through requiring additional Rx care planning, focused follow-up visits, and establishing collaborative agreements with the patient's prescribers," Canally explained.

David Adsit, RPh, Kinney's Director of Pharmacy Operations released the following statement upon learning of TCT's formal accreditation decision: "These high standards (TCT's) reflect and validate our commitment to continuously strive to improve patient health outcomes in every community that we serve. We are extremely proud of our pharmacists who provide unparalleled care every day, and are very grateful to The Compliance Team, whose innovative and industry leading accreditation strategies have helped us achieve this incredibly important milestone in the growth of our professional pharmacy services."

"Patient-Centered Pharmacy Home<sup>™</sup> accreditation spotlights the role that community pharmacies play as the prime medication manager for chronically ill patients," Canally explained. She added that the program's goals are three fold: 1) reduce ED visits and hospital re-admissions of problematic patients; 2) lessen the workload of prescribers; 3) and increase a pharmacy's prescription business via collaborative agreements with prescribers. "We are thrilled with Kinney's focus on achieving better outcomes. Their intense commitment to our Pharmacy Home program underscores their dedication to their community and their patients," she concluded.

Kinney Drugs operates 100 pharmacies in New York and Vermont, and is a division of KPH Healthcare Services, Inc., a national provider of pharmaceutical and health-care services.

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