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HOME HEALTH ALLIANCE BRINGS ON TERESA LEE AS FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Extensive healthcare policy experience will help lead
the organization to expand its presence and reputation in Washington*

WASHINGTON, DC – June 20, 2011 – The Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation (AHHQI) has appointed Teresa L. Lee as the organization’s first executive director. Lee’s strong background in health care association leadership will enhance the Alliance’s efforts to promote innovative and cost-effective solutions in health care delivery that improve clinical outcomes and increase patient independence.

“Teresa brings a wealth of health care policy and association management experience to the Alliance at a time when we are growing as an organization and expanding our initiatives,” said Ron Malone, AHHQI Executive Board Chairman and former CEO of Gentiva Health Services. “She is well-respected in the health care community and we are fortunate to have her lead our organization and take it to the next level of engagement in Washington and nationally.”

“This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of the home health care community,” Lee stated. “Home health providers are developing leading-edge models for care coordination, chronic disease management, and behavioral education for patients. I look forward to my role in the Alliance as we invest in research on, and analysis of, innovative solutions that will help our nation to achieve the goal of patient-centered health care.”

Lee comes to the Alliance after serving as Senior Vice President at the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) in Washington D.C. Earlier in her career, she was a Senior Counsel in the Office of Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She is a recognized professional in the fields of Medicare reimbursement and health law and policy, areas of expertise that will be undeniable assets to the Alliance.

Lee earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California-Berkeley, a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard University’s School of Public Health, and a law degree from The George Washington University Law School. She and her husband, Benjamin H. Wu, live in Potomac, Maryland with their sons Jameson and Grant.

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The Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation (AHHQI) is a national consortium of home health care providers and organizations that raises awareness about home health care and its proven ability to deliver quality, cost-effective, patient-centered care. Founded in 2008, the Alliance informs and educates decision makers and the public on the latest innovations in home health care and its promise in helping to address our nation’s health care challenges. To learn more about AHHQI and home health care, please visit our website at www.ahhqi.org.