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## ***Minnesota Mental Health Pilot Program Combines Clinic and Home Care Skill Sets***

*Elk River, MN* – The Minnesota Department of Human Services has granted Children's Therapeutic Services & Support (CTSS) Certification to Accurate Home Care. Accurate obtained this certification so that it can provide mental health behavioral aide services as part of a state pilot program. The pilot program will include a partnership with Central Minnesota Mental Health Center in Monticello and Accurate Home Care.

The intent of the program is to combine the best of both worlds in serving Minnesota's mental health children under 21– initial evaluations and professional counseling in the clinic setting complemented by practical learning and skills assistance in a patient's home and environments. The pilot will be executed in Wright and Sherburne Counties.

Accurate Home Care currently provides in-home health care assistance to a wide array of pediatric, disabled, adult and senior clients around the state.

"As the sole home care agency to be chosen for this pilot program, we are excited to contribute our expertise," said Amy Nelson, Accurate Home Care CEO. "With health care reform changes already happening, it's important that home care's cost efficiencies and breadth of services be utilized to the maximum on behalf of Minnesotan families."

This DHS pilot program will establish a contract model for other Minnesota counties to follow. The state will use this model as an alternative approach to enable providers to offer Mental Health Behavioral Aide services. With the new eligibility criteria for Personal Care Assistance services as of July 1, 2011, some clients will qualify for these behavioral services and serve as less disruption for families.

### **About Accurate Home Care**

Accurate Home Care is the leading provider of quality home care services in the Upper Midwest, with clients in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. The agency specializes in serving the complex medical needs of clients with chronic conditions who may require 24 hours per day, 7 days per week care including Private Duty Nursing, Personal Care Assistance and waived services.

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