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A Quarterly Newsletter for Referring Physicians of Reverence Home Health & Hospice

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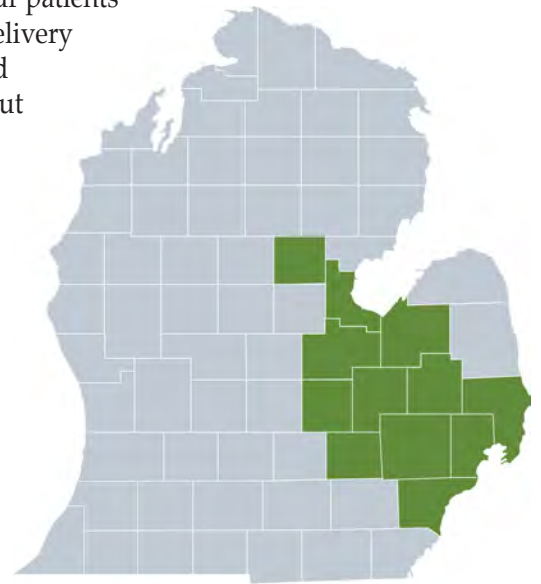
## Infusion services allow patients to stay at home for therapy and reduce re-hospitalization rates

The clinical pharmacy specialty teams of Reverence Home Health & Hospice infusion services compound and dispense IV admixtures for antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals, pain control medications, steroids, hydration, electrolyte replacement and total parenteral nutrition. Pharmacists closely monitor labs and provide pharmacokinetic calculations to recommend appropriate dose changes. Infusion nurses closely monitor the patient's progress to goals and effectiveness of therapy. **Pharmacy care is coordinated with home care staff at Reverence Home Health & Hospice** to ensure the effectiveness of infusion therapy through home monitoring, to draw needed labs and to maintain the peripherally inserted catheter site dressings. Our clinicians provide you with up-to-date information about your patient's status and progress to goals.

The infusion services team provides ongoing monitoring to identify needed intervention to reduce hospital emergency

visits and re-hospitalizations, and to meet therapy goals. **The re-hospitalization rate for Reverence infusion services is 0.4 per 1000 catheter days.** Target goal is <3.0 per 1000 catheter days.

Reverence Infusion Services has two compounding pharmacies providing IVs to the patients of Genesys Health System, St. John Providence and St. Mary's of Michigan. Both pharmacy locations have cleanrooms, which fully meet United States Pharmacopeia (USP) 797 standards for aseptic compounding. Your patients will receive free delivery of medications and supplies throughout these geographic service areas.



Reverence Home Health & Hospice  
Infusion Services Area

## Reverence continues to prevent unplanned hospital stays

Reverence Home Health & Hospice provides a seamless plan to coordinate patient care which helps your patients manage their condition and stay out of the hospital. Across the state, Reverence Home Health & Hospice continues to stay below (lower scores are better) or just at the state and national average for hospital admission rates. The state and national average is 16 percent; **Reverence hospital admission rates are between 13 percent and 16 percent.**\* Reducing avoidable hospital readmissions increases the quality of home care while reducing health care costs.

To refer a patient for home care, hospice or infusion services, call **Reverence Home Health & Hospice at 888-2-HOMECARE (888-246-6322).**

\*According to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), data through June 2014.

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