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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Assisted Home Hospice

I am writing this letter in support of Assisted Home Hospice's participation in CMS's Pilot program "Care Choices Model Program". Vista Cove Care Center at Santa Paula, a Skilled Nursing Facility, has worked with Assisted Home Hospice for the last 4 years and many years before that under the previous owners. Their nurses, case managers, chaplains, social workers and the whole care team do an outstanding job for the residents who elect Hospice Services in a Skilled Nursing facility. They are professional and work very well with the facility staff to meet the care needs and obtain the necessary supplies of the Hospice patient under our mutual care.

The Pilot Program "Care Choices Model Program" addresses a care issue that we current encounter, the patients who meet the criteria for hospice but refuse hospice services because they still seek curative treatment. Patients and family's of these patients sometimes feel if they stop the one last curative treatment, they are "giving up" on themselves or their loved one. I am curious to see the outcomes of this Pilot Program and hope that its success with make the Care Choices for the patients in this category a little bit easier.

Assisted Home Hospice is innovative and goal oriented when it comes to reducing acute hospital readmissions rates. In my opinion, they are CMS's best choice to make the CMS Pilot Program a success.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director