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**NEW LEAF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, INC. AWARDED HOME CARE ACCREDITATION  
FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

Austintown, Ohio – January 17, 2018 – New Leaf Residential Services today announced it has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for [Home Care Accreditation](#) by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to providing safe and effective care.

New Leaf Residential Services, Inc. underwent a rigorous onsite survey on December 18 and 19, 2017. During the survey, compliance with home care standards reflecting key organization areas was evaluated, including the provision of care, treatment and services, emergency management, human resources, individual rights and responsibilities, and leadership. The accreditation process also provided New Leaf Residential Services, Inc. with education and guidance to help staff continue to improve its home care program’s performance.

Established in 1988, The Joint Commission’s Home Care Accreditation Program supports the efforts of its accredited organizations to help deliver safe, high quality care and services. More than 6,000 home care programs currently maintain accreditation, awarded for a three-year period, from The Joint Commission.

"When individuals engage a home care provider they want to be sure that provider is capable of providing safe, quality care," said Margherita Labson, RN, MS, executive director, Home Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. "As the home care setting becomes increasingly popular, it is important that home care providers are able to demonstrate that they are capable of providing safe, high quality care. Accreditation by The Joint Commission serves as an indication that the organization has demonstrated compliance to these recognized standards of safe and quality care."

"New Leaf Residential Services is pleased to receive accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," added Natalie Hoffman, RN, Director of Clinical Services, New Leaf Residential Services. "Staff from across our organization continue to work together to strengthen the continuum of care and to deliver and maintain optimal home care services for those in our community."

The Joint Commission's home care standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, home care providers and researchers, as well as industry experts, purchasers and consumers. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

**The Joint Commission**

Founded in 1951, [The Joint Commission](http://www.jointcommission.org) seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

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