

***Community Nursing Service Receives Achievement Award
From Quality Improvement Organization***

Community Nursing Service recently received a recognition award during a ceremony hosted by Healthcare Quality Strategies, Inc., (HQSI), the Medicare-designated quality improvement organization (QIO) for New Jersey. The award recognized the achievements Community Nursing Service made as a voluntary participant of the nationwide Home Health Quality Initiative (HHQI), a three-year project sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

As a campaign participant, Community Nursing Service focused quality improvements efforts on nationwide and statewide initiatives, which included reducing avoidable hospitalizations and improving the management of oral medications among patients. "This important initiative significantly improves healthcare outcomes for the agency's homecare patients."

Community Nursing Service is a division of the City of Vineland Department of Health. It has been serving Vineland residents since 1966 and is Vineland's "*Hometown Homecare Agency*."