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**Bayada Nurses Wins First Place at Best Practices Awards**  
*Program that Helps Children with Special Needs Honored*

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 31 – Bayada Nurses, a leading provider of home health care services to people of all ages, was honored at the Pennsylvania Homecare Association’s (PHA) second annual “Best Practices in Homecare and Hospice” awards. Winning first place in the category of “Human Resources Management”, the Pediatric High-tech Rewards Program was recognized for creatively incenting nurses to upgrade their skills to keep up with the growing demand for high-acuity care, specifically to work with children with tracheostomies and ventilators. The awards luncheon was held during the PHA’s annual conference in State College, PA on May 18 with keynote speaker Cokie Roberts, senior news analyst from NPR and ABC News.

“I am extremely proud of this program and the team who developed it,” says Bayada Nurses Pittsburgh Pediatric office Area Director Amy Breslin. “The entire team worked extremely hard—sometimes spending evening and Saturday hours in the office to train our field staff. It is heartwarming to see our hard work recognized by our peers.”

More than 400 in-home care providers were eligible to participate and finalists were selected by peer agencies and state officials from blind submissions in four categories: “Care and Services”, “Community Outreach and Advocacy”, “Human Resources Management”, and “Operations Management”. The awards present an opportunity to showcase excellence and be seen as a thought leader.

The program results speak for themselves:

- 20 additional nurses can now help children with high-acuity care needs
- 6 new families were able to bring their medically fragile children home from the hospital
- 100% of the nurses have been retained

In 2010, Bayada had finalists in three categories: the Pediatric Training Program was recognized in “Care and Services”; the Associate Leadership Development Program was recognized in “Human Resources Management”; and the Legislative Day in Harrisburg was recognized in “Community Outreach and Advocacy”.

*Founded in 1975, Bayada Nurses provides nursing, rehabilitative, therapeutic, hospice, and personal home health care services to children, adults, and seniors in the comfort of their own homes. Over 13,000 nurses, home health aides, and therapists work from more than 180 offices in 18 states. For more information about Bayada Nurses, visit [www.bayada.com](http://www.bayada.com) or [www.youtube.com/bayadanurses](http://www.youtube.com/bayadanurses).*

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