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HEALTHCARE CALIFORNIA JOINS NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

HealthCare California is joining the national movement in recognizing January as National Glaucoma Awareness Month.

Glaucoma is a sight-stealing disease. Everyone, from infants to senior, is vulnerable. Over four million Americans, and nearly 70 million people worldwide, have glaucoma. More than half of those with glaucoma are not aware they have the disease. In the United States, about 120,000 persons suffer blindness from glaucoma.

As our population ages, an epidemic of blindness is looming. It is important to raise awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations to preserve vision.

In commenting on the national movement and recognition, Devin S. Nugent, Chief Operating Officer of **HealthCare California**, stated:

“We are pleased to be part of the national program in recognizing January as Glaucoma Awareness Month. With proper care and attention, glaucoma and the possibility of blindness can be prevented. Our exceptional staff of health care professionals is working tirelessly with patients in raising the level of awareness of this debilitating illness.

Although the most common forms of the disease primarily affect the middle-aged and the elderly, glaucoma can affect people of all ages. **HealthCare California** and its dedicated home health care clinicians are urging family and friends to discuss glaucoma and seek medical attention if there are signs of vision loss. Early detection is vital to stopping the spread of the disease.”

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HealthCare California is the central valley's largest Medicare certified home health agency, providing skilled nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapy and social services to homebound patients. With offices in Fresno and Visalia, it serves patients from Merced to Porterville. **HealthCare California** has been consistently recognized as a Homecare Elite Top Agency based upon clinical results ranking it in the top 25% of home health agencies nationwide. For more information about **HealthCare California**, please visit www.healthcal.com.