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Local Professional Earns National Certification in Durable Medical Equipment

Kathy Weber of PharmaCare's home medical department has successfully completed a rigorous process to earn certification as a Durable Medical Equipment Specialist (CDME) from the Board for Certification/Accreditation (BOC).

CDME certification is awarded when an individual successfully completes required training and practical experience under supervision, passes a comprehensive examination, and meets nationally-accepted standards of practice. CDMEs demonstrate broad knowledge of the DME industry, helping with basic repairs, troubleshooting, and home inspections for DME products like oxygen, transfer systems, enteral supplies, and wound care.

Since 1984, the Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC) has provided credentials demonstrating the competence and proficiency of O&P and DME professionals. BOC offers NCCA-accredited certification programs in five O&P disciplines: orthotics, prosthetics, pedorthics, orthotic fitting, and mastectomy fitting. BOC partners with suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS), offering accreditation that evidences compliance with standards set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

John Balch, president of The PharmaCare Network commented, "Kathy Weber represents the gold standard required for the continued success of DME/HME companies. We are fortunate that she has continued to place our company in the forefront of home medical equipment and services for our region."

For 24 years Kathy has been part of PharmaCare's home medical department serving as a medical biller and currently as department supervisor. "The goal of the CDME is to acknowledge trained professionals in the industry," notes Claudia Zacharias, President & CEO of BOC, located in Owings Mills, Maryland. "With the American population spanning five generations, we are seeing people in every age group experience an increased need for DME products and quality care. It is a genuine pleasure to welcome Kathy Weber as a BOC CDME." Kathy along with her husband Dave reside in Frostburg.

PharmaCare's home medical department (DME) is located at 11306 Bedford Road, Cumberland (around the back in the lower level of PharmaCare's Bedford Road retail pharmacy. Office hours for DME are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5pm. DME is part of The PharmaCare Network which includes seven retail pharmacy locations, compounding pharmacy, infusion pharmacy, closed door pharmacy and a respiratory care team (which works hand in hand with DME). For more information go to www.pharmacarenetwork.com.