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## **CCMC Celebrates Case Management Week (Oct. 11-17) With Second Annual Patricia McCollom Scholarship**

**Mt. Laurel, N.J.** – In conjunction with its celebration of Case Management Week (Oct. 11-17), the Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC) has announced the winner of its second annual \$1,000 Patricia McCollom Scholarship award.

The Patricia McCollom Scholarship Task Group has selected Cynthia Bracey, MSN, RN, CCM, of Fort Bragg, N.C. Ms. Bracey, a case manager with the Army's Wounded Warrior program, was the most distinguished member of a highly qualified field of nominees who had either applied for consideration, or were nominated by their peers.

In pursuit of a PhD in public health, Ms. Bracey intends to develop a research project that applies the skills of case management to improve the utilization of health care resources for homeless female veterans. "As a professional nurse leader, it is important to consider oneself a lifelong learner and value community service," said Bracey, who will begin her studies at Walden University in December 2009 to complete her fourth college degree.

Ms. Bracey obtained her certification in Case Management this past April and appreciates the professionalism that goes hand-in-hand with the CCM credential. She plans to utilize this award by attending the American Public Health Association annual meeting in Philadelphia November 7-11, 2009.

### **Scholarship award honors former CCMC commissioner**

In naming Ms. Bracey, CCMC joins her peers in recognizing her commitment to the professional case management ideals exemplified by Patricia McCollom, a former CCMC commissioner whose professional practice spanned several decades. Patricia McCollom was an accomplished mentor, coach, speaker and a leader in the emergence of the case management practice, as well as a role model for those who were fortunate enough to work with her.

"We're pleased to announce this award during Case Management Week as we call attention to the vital work of case management professionals across the healthcare industry," CCMC Chair Jo Carter said. "It's wonderful to be able to honor the memory of Patricia McCollom by awarding CCMC's second annual scholarship to such a deserving recipient as Cynthia Bracey."

### **About CCMC**

The Commission for Case Manager Certification is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that oversees the process of case manager certification. The CCM is the first nationally accredited case manager credential. CCMC is positioned as the most active and

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