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VNS Appoints Paulette Sementilli to Director of Customer Relations & Care Transitions Role

Bridgeport, July 16, 2018: Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut, the leading not-for-profit home healthcare and hospice provider for residents of Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties, has announced the appointment of **Paulette Sementilli, RN, MS** as the agency's Director of Customer Relations and Care Transitions. In her new role, Paulette will manage VNS' referral and admission processes and serve as VNS' primary liaison with referral partners including acute and long term care providers, physician practices and Accountable Care Organizations. Paulette will also coordinate the activities of VNS' team of hospital and community based transitional care coordinators.

Sementilli joined VNS in 2010 after working in the Burn Unit at Bridgeport Hospital. Recently, she managed VNS' Telehealth program and was responsible for expanding the program to all four of VNS' branch offices and achieving an average daily census of 125 patients on service. A Business Management graduate of Providence College, she earned a nursing degree from Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing and was awarded an MS in Nursing (2014) by Sacred Heart University.

In announcing the appointment, Ann Olson, RN, BSN, MBA, President and CEO of VNS, said that Paulette's prior experience as an acute care and home-health nurse will be instrumental in supporting care transitions, particularly from the hospital setting to home health. According to Olson, "with Paulette's accomplishments as team leader and program manager, I am confident she will provide the vision and leadership that will be responsive to the needs of our referral partners as we continue to coordinate care to improve patient outcomes while reducing the incidence of re-hospitalization."

Paulette will manage VNS' Intake, transitional care coordinators and referral partner communication activities for the agency's clinically staffed offices in Bridgeport, Trumbull, Oxford and Torrington and can be contacted at 203-330-9198 and by email at psementilli@vsnct.org.

About VNS

Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut is a Medicare certified not-for-profit clinical home healthcare and hospice provider serving residents of 54 Connecticut communities in Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties. Annually, VNS conducts 237,000 home health visits for 8,000 patients from clinically staffed office in Bridgeport, Trumbull, Oxford and Torrington. VNS provides a comprehensive range of home healthcare services to meet patient needs, and provides personal care services through its affiliate Partners in Care. For additional information, visit www.vnsct.org.