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## Agency offering new treatment for stroke survivors

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Tar Heel Home Health has announced the launch of a breakthrough treatment approach in upper extremity stroke rehabilitation called the SaeboFlex.

CHMG and its home health agencies, including Tar Heel Home Health, are the exclusive home health providers of SaeboFlex from Saebo Inc.

"We're so pleased to bring SaeboFlex to our stroke patients," said Peggy Morgan, branch director of the Kinston Tar Heel office.

"Not only will it improve range of arm motion, strength and control, allowing the patient to use their arm functionally, it will help improve their quality of life.

SaeboFlex will help them regain the ability to perform the everyday tasks that are currently too difficult."

SaeboFlex is a custom-fitted dynamic hand orthosis designed to increase arm and hand movement following a stroke.

It features a spring loaded finger extension system so grasp and release activities can be accomplished.

With the ability to perform grasp and release activities, patients also increase their use of the upper arm and shoulder.

Until now, treatment options have been very limited. "As therapists working with stroke patients on a regular basis, it was frustrating having to discharge them with some shoulder and elbow movement but no hand function," said John Farrell, vice president of research and development for Saebo and co-founder. "We developed SaeboFlex to fill this need."

"My husband was five years post-stroke," said Sharon Anderson of her husband John, "but after only one week of training [on SaeboFlex] he has significantly more use of his right hand. His right arm is much more useful and he has something even more significant - confidence."

Todd Wiebusch, president and CEO of CHMG, said it is exciting to bring SaeboFlex to the home health industry.

"The SaeboFlex allows stroke survivors to regain use of their arms and hands up to 10 years post-stroke - in some cases even longer. It is the first major breakthrough in upper extremity stroke rehab in years," he said.

Henry Hoffman, president and co-founder of Saebo, concurred. "We are pleased to have CHMG and their agencies as our partner," he said. "They have an excellent reputation in the home health care industry and with 40 locations in the Southeast, they have an extensive network of health care relationships."

Tar Heel Home Health cares for patients with a wide variety of conditions, including but not limited to muscular, nervous or respiratory disorders, congestive heart disease and diabetes.

Services provided include skilled nursing, physical, speech and occupational therapy, and home health aides to homebound patients.

In addition to offering SaeboFlex, Tar Heel also offers telehealth and coming soon Anodyne Light Therapy.

Saebo is a provider of innovative stroke rehabilitation products, featuring the SaeboGlide and the SaeboFlex. You can learn more about Saebo and view "before and after" videos of patients who have benefited from the SaeboFlex at [www.saebo.com](http://www.saebo.com)

Tar Heel Home Health's parent company, CHMG, is a leading provider of Medicare-certified home health services through a network of more than 40 locations in seven Southeastern states.