## Society of Certified Senior Advisors Achieves ANSI Accreditation

**DENVER, CO July 25, 2016:** The Society of Certified Senior Advisors announced today that they have earned accreditation from the <u>American National Standards Institute Personnel</u> Certification Accreditation Program.

"ANSI commends the Society of Certified Senior Advisors for achieving accreditation and demonstrating its commitment to the continual improvement of its certification program," said Dr. Vijay Krishna, director, credentialing programs at ANSI. "Accreditation by ANSI demonstrates compliance to a rigorous internationally recognized accreditation process and creates a valuable market distinction for the CSA credential."

This ANSI accreditation process – based on the ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024:2912 standard – is designed to increase the integrity, confidence, and mobility of certified professionals. Since the launch of ANSI's Personnel Certification Accreditation Program in 2003, the Institute has accredited 56 personnel certification bodies across a range of industry sectors involving more than 5 million workers.

ANSI's personnel certification accreditation program was the first such program in the United States to fulfill the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011, Conformity assessment - General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies, which represents the global benchmark for accreditation body practice. Accordingly, ANSI's accreditation program is recognized as a world-renowned leader in personnel credentialing.

Questions about ANSI accreditation can be directed to Dr. Vijay Krishna, director, accreditation services (vkrishna@ansi.org; 202.331.3614).

## **About Society of Certified Senior Advisors**

The <u>Society of Certified Senior Advisors (SCSA)</u> certifies professionals who work with seniors. The Certified Senior Advisor (CSA) ® credential applies to professionals who are able to demonstrate their competence and knowledge of working with older adults into their professional practices. By creating a network of qualified professionals, SCSA strives to create a strong and safe environment for seniors and those working with them.

Dually accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the CSA credential applies to professionals in all areas of the aging industry. SCSA is committed to maintaining the high standards of ANSI and NCAA accreditation by continually improving its certification and education programs.

In order to maintain the CSA certification, individuals are required to demonstrate a commitment to high standards, continuing education, professional ethics, and trust. This sets the CSA credential holder apart from other practitioners working with older adults.

## About ANSI

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance U.S. global competitiveness and the American quality of life by promoting, facilitating, and safeguarding the integrity of the voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system. Its membership is comprised of businesses, professional societies and trade associations, standards developers, government agencies, and consumer and labor organizations. The Institute represents the diverse interests of more than 125,000 companies and organizations and 3.5 million professionals worldwide.

The Institute is the official U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and, via the U.S. National Committee, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and is a U.S. representative to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

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