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## **Five Star! The Laurels of Summit Ridge Earns Quality Measures and Staffing Recognition from CMS**

*Skilled nursing facility receives top rating in two of three broad categories reviewed by CMS*

**ASHEVILLE, N.C.** – The Laurels of Summit Ridge, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center operated by Laurel Health Care Company, has been recognized as a five-star performer in *Quality Measures* and *Staffing* by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in the most recent set of data released through its Five-Star Quality Rating System.

Quality measures and staffing are two of three broad categories reviewed within the CMS Five-Star Quality Rating System, a tool that helps consumers select and compare skilled nursing care centers. Nursing homes receiving five stars are considered to offer much above average quality services.

The quality measures rating includes data on 17 different physical and clinical measures for skilled nursing facility residents and offers information about how well nursing homes are caring for their guests' physical and clinical needs, while the staffing rating includes information about the number of hours of care provided on average to each resident each day by nursing staff.

"The Laurels of Summit Ridge is excited to be named a five-star facility in quality measures and staffing by CMS," administrator George Rallis said. "Receiving five-star ratings in these categories is tremendous validation of the work we do on a daily basis to offer quality care for our guests. I am very proud of our associates and leadership for promoting the Laurel Way in our continual pursuit of high standards of care and service."

The Laurels of Summit Ridge earns a five-star grade in quality measures for the fifth-consecutive survey while achieving a five-star score in staffing for the third time.

### **ABOUT THE LAURELS OF SUMMIT RIDGE AND LAUREL HEALTH CARE COMPANY**

The Laurels of Summit Ridge is an 87-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center offering a friendly, comfortable living environment and comprehensive health care services. The Laurels provides an atmosphere that makes both short-term and long-term guests feel at home.

Laurel Health Care Company is a national provider of skilled nursing, rehabilitation, sub-acute and assisted living services. With more than 45 locations in five states – Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, North Carolina and Virginia – LHCC is dedicated to achieving the highest standards of care and caring for its guests and their families.

**ABOUT CMS**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is a federal agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that oversees the Medicare program and partners with state governments to administer Medicaid. CMS is also responsible for, among other things, outlining and directing quality standards in long-term care facilities through its survey and certification process.

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