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The Laurels Earns 5-Star Quality Measures Recognition from CMS

Local skilled nursing facility earns top honors from CMS for resident care

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

Skilled nursing facilities like The Laurels are regularly reviewed and rated by CMS via its Five-Star Quality Rating System, a tool designed to help consumers select and compare skilled nursing care centers. The *Quality Measures* rating offers information about how well nursing homes are caring for residents' physical and clinical needs. Nursing homes receiving a five-star *Quality Measures* rating are considered to offer much above average care.

"All of us at The Laurels of Blanchester are thrilled and honored to receive this outstanding recognition from CMS," administrator Kristen McKinney said. "It is tremendous validation of the work we do daily for our residents and their families. Thank you to our associates and leadership for promoting The Laurel Way of Caring in our continual pursuit of high standards of care and service."

ABOUT THE LAURELS OF BLANCHESTER

Located in the village of Blanchester along State Rt. 28, The Laurels of Blanchester is a 50-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center that provides care for both short-term and extended-stay residents. Residents at The Laurels of Blanchester receive clinical expertise from a team focused on their unique healthcare plan.

Visit www.laurelsofblanchester.com for more information.

ABOUT LAUREL HEALTH CARE COMPANY

Laurel Health Care Company is a national provider of skilled nursing, rehabilitation, sub-acute and assisted living services. With 34 locations in four states – Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, and Virginia – LHCC is dedicated to achieving the highest standards of care and caring for its residents and their families.

To learn more about Laurel Health Care Company, visit www.laurelhealth.com or follow the organization on Facebook at www.facebook.com/laurelhealth.

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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