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Five Star! The Laurels of Athens Earns Overall Quality Honor from CMS

Facility also recognized as a five-star performer in Quality Measures

ATHENS, Ohio – The Laurels of Athens, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center operated by Laurel Health Care Company, has been recognized as a five-star facility in Overall Quality by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in the most recent set of data released through its Five-Star Quality Rating System. A five-star grade in overall quality is the top honor a skilled nursing facility can receive from CMS via its Five-Star Quality Rating System, a tool designed to help consumers select and compare skilled nursing care centers. Facilities receive grades on health inspections, staffing (including registered nurse staffing), quality measures and overall quality on a scale of one to five stars, with the overall quality rating encompassing elements of each category. Nursing homes receiving five stars are considered to offer much above average quality services, while nursing homes with one star are considered to have quality much below average.

“The Laurels of Athens is pleased to be recognized once again as a five-star facility in overall quality and quality measures by CMS,” administrator Shaun Gentner said. “Receiving a five-star rating from CMS 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.”

In addition to its five-star overall grade, The Laurels of Athens also earned a five-star review in Quality Measures and a four-star grade in Health Inspections. 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 health inspection rating contains the three most recent health inspections and investigations due to complaints, a process that is completed by trained, objective inspectors who go onsite to the skilled nursing center and follow a specific method to determine the extent to which a facility has met Medicaid and Medicare requirements.

The Laurels of Athens was also recently honored with the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living in recognition of its commitment to improving the quality of care for seniors.

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