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

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

WAYLAND, Mich. – The Laurels of Sandy Creek, 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 Sandy Creek is delighted to once again be recognized as a five-star facility in overall quality by CMS,” administrator Angel Brummette said. “Continual acknowledgement as a five-star provider by CMS surveys is extremely rewarding and validates the work we do on daily basis to offer the very best care for our guests. I would like to thank our associates and leadership for continuing to set the bar high in our expectations of care and service.”

In addition to its five-star overall grade, The Laurels of Sandy Creek also earned a five-star review in *Quality Measures*. 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.

ABOUT LAUREL HEALTH CARE COMPANY

Laurel Health Care Company is a national provider of skilled nursing, rehabilitation, sub-acute and assisted living services. With more than 40 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.