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## **Five Stars! The Laurels of Heath Earns Quality Measures Recognition from CMS**

*Local skilled nursing facility earns honor from CMS for resident care*

**HEATH, Ohio** – The Laurels of Heath, 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.

The quality measures rating, which 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 residents' physical and clinical needs, is one 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 Laurels of Heath is honored to be named a five-star facility in quality measures by CMS," administrator Marsha Link said. "Quality measures is unquestionably the most important category on which skilled nursing facilities are measured by CMS, as it accounts for how well residents' needs are being met while in our care. I am beyond proud of our associates who have continually 'exceeded expectations' to create a welcoming and healing environment at our facility that the Heath community can be proud of."

### **ABOUT THE LAURELS OF HEATH**

The Laurels of Heath, conveniently located at 717 South 30th Street next to the Indian Mound Mall, is a 150-bed facility that promotes the highest level of care and quality of life to guests who are with us for short-term respite, rehabilitation or hospice care, or for extended stays.

### **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 35 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 residents 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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