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Five Stars! The Laurels of Hillsboro Earns Overall Quality Honor from CMS

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

HILLSBORO, Ohio – The Laurels of Hillsboro, 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 for 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.

“The Laurels of Hillsboro is pleased to be recognized as a five-star facility in overall quality by CMS,” administrator Lori Byrom said. “At The Laurels, we are committed to exceeding the needs and expectations of those we serve every day through the care we provide to our residents and their families. We are so excited to be recognized by CMS for our hard work.”

In addition to its five-star achievement in overall quality, The Laurels of Hillsboro 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.

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ABOUT THE LAURELS OF HILLSBORO

The Laurels of Hillsboro is 99-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center located in beautiful southwestern Ohio, just two miles from Highland District Hospital. Our homelike facility with wood flooring, cozy furniture and a welcoming front porch and courtyard offers a safe, welcoming environment for both short-term and long-term residents.

Visit our website at www.laurelsofhillsboro.com to learn more.

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 30 locations in four states – Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, and Virginia – LHCC is dedicated to achieving the highest standards of care and caring for its guests and their families.

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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.