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## **Five Stars! The Laurels of Salisbury Earns Overall Quality and Quality Measures Recognition from CMS**

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

**SALISBURY, N.C.** – The Laurels of Salisbury, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center operated by Laurel Health Care Company, has been recognized as a five-star performer in both *Overall Quality* and *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. Facilities receive grades on health inspections, staffing, quality measures and overall quality on a scale of one to five stars. 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 overall quality rating encompasses elements of each category, while the quality measures rating offers information about how well nursing homes are caring for residents' physical and clinical needs.

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

### **ABOUT THE LAURELS OF SALISBURY**

The Laurels of Salisbury is conveniently located between Interstate 85 and Highway 70 in Salisbury, North Carolina, just minutes from Rowan Regional Medical Center. Our 60-bed skilled nursing unit and 20-bed rest home promote 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.

To learn more about Laurel Health Care Company, visit [www.laurelhealth.com](http://www.laurelhealth.com) or follow the organization on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/laurelhealth](https://www.facebook.com/laurelhealth) or Instagram at [www.instagram.com/laurelhealth](https://www.instagram.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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