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## **Five Star! 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 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 Hillsboro is pleased to be recognized as a five-star facility in overall quality and quality measures by CMS,” administrator Jo Sanborn said. “We live by our mission statement at The Laurels by exceeding the needs and expectations of those we serve every day through the care we provide to our guests and their families. We are so excited to be recognized by CMS for all our hard work.”

In addition to its five-star overall grade, 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.

The Laurels of Hillsboro 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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