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

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

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The Laurels of Walden Park, 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 Walden Park is thrilled to be named a five-star facility in quality measures by CMS," administrator Kim Ishwar said. "Quality measures is perhaps the most important category on which skilled nursing facilities are measured, as it accounts for how well we are taking care of our residents' needs while they are in our care. Our associates continually show a commitment to pursuing high standards of care and service and we are happy to see that their hard work has been recognized."

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### **ABOUT THE LAURELS OF WALDEN PARK**

The Laurels of Walden Park is a 225-bed skilled nursing facility conveniently located at 5700 Karl Road in Columbus, Ohio. Our facility promotes the highest level of care and quality of life to residents who are with us for short-term respite, rehabilitation, outpatient, 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 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 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.