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Thirty-four Iowa long-term care facilities recognized with national Commitment to Quality Bronze Award

West Des Moines, Iowa – The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) recently announced the recipients of the 2024 Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award. Thirty-four Iowa long-term care facilities were recognized by AHCA/NCAL with this award, which encompassed over 700 long-term and post-acute care providers in 48 states.

Thirty-four Iowa long-term care facilities received this award, including:

- Accura HealthCare of Aurelia (Aurelia)
- Accura HealthCare of Bancroft (Bancroft)
- Accura HealthCare of Cascade (Cascade)
- Accura HealthCare of Cherokee (Cherokee)
- Accura HealthCare of Milford (Milford)
- Accura HealthCare of Ogden (Ogden)
- Accura HealthCare of Pomeroy (Pomeroy)
- Amelia Senior Living (Council Bluffs)
- Black Hawk Life Care (Lake View)
- Deerfield Retirement Community (Urbandale)
- Eagle Point Health Care Center (Clinton)
- Edgewood Convalescent Home and Lincolnwood Assisted Living (Edgewood)
- Eiler Senior Living (Clarinda)
- Eldora Specialty Care (Eldora)
- Ennoble Nursing and Rehabilitation (Dubuque)
- Floyd Senior Living (Sergeant Bluff)
- Glen Haven Village (Glenwood)
- Good Samaritan Society – Holstein (Holstein)
- Greenfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center (Greenfield)
- Jackson Ridge Healthcare Center (Maquoketa)
- Luther Park Community (Des Moines)
- Maquoketa Care Center (Maquoketa)
- Mechanicsville Specialty Care (Mechanicsville)
- Midlands Living Center (Council Bluffs)
- Norwalk Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Norwalk)
- Pinnacle Specialty Care (Cedar Falls)
- Prairie View Home Inn (Sanborn)
- Quartet Senior Living (Bettendorf)
- Rolling Meadows Senior Living (Carroll)
- Southridge Specialty Care (Marshalltown)
- State Center Specialty Care (State Center)
- The Bridges at Ankeny (Ankeny)
- The Heritage at Northern Hills (Sioux City)
- University Park Nursing and Rehab (Des Moines)

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The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program honors long-term and post-acute care providers that have demonstrated their commitment to improving the quality of care for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

"This serves as a powerful acknowledgment of the exemplary care offered within these Iowa long-term care facilities and assisted living programs," said Iowa Health Care Association Vice President of Quality Improvement and Regulatory Compliance Brenda Irlbeck. "Achievement within the National Quality Award program is a testimony of their commitment to continuous quality improvement and providing top-notch care for Iowans."

This national award program has three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Providers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they assess their organization's mission, vision and key factors that lead to success. They also develop an organizational profile and must demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system. Trained examiners review each application to determine if the facility has met the demands of the criteria. Bronze recipients may move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the criteria required for the AHCA/NCAL Silver – Achievement in Quality Award.

The program is based on the core values and criteria of the *Baldrige Performance Excellence Program*, which also serves as the foundation for the metric-based AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative. The Baldrige framework helps organizations among different business sectors improve organizational effectiveness and achieve strategy-driven performance.

Winners of the 2024 Silver – Achievement in Quality and Gold – Excellence in Quality Award will be announced in the coming months.

About Iowa Health Care Association

Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA) and its divisions, Iowa Center for Assisted Living (ICAL) and Iowa Center for Home Care (IHC) represent organizations that provide long-term care to Iowans through nursing facilities, assisted living, residential care, senior living communities, home health agencies and care continuum communities.

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