

Brookdale Communities Receive Highest Rating From U.S. News & World Report

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Twenty Skilled Nursing Communities Get 5-Star Quality Rating

BRENTWOOD, Tenn., April 1, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Twenty Brookdale skilled nursing communities have received the highest possible overall rating of five stars from U.S. News & World Report in the magazine's seventh annual Best Nursing Homes review. U.S. News awarded the "Best Nursing Home" designation to communities that received the highest rating in February 2015 from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which sets and enforces federal requirements and standards for nursing homes certified to receive Medicare and Medicaid payments. The ratings are based on a community's performance in care, safety, health inspections and staffing.

"Having 20 Brookdale communities receive the highest rating from CMS speaks volumes about our community associates who are dedicated to providing quality care to our residents," said Kim Estes, senior vice president of clinical services. "As important as the rating system is, we encourage consumers to tour the skilled nursing facilities they are considering to get a firsthand understanding of the overall environment they offer."

Brookdale communities that received five stars include:

Alabama

Galleria Woods Skilled Nursing Facility

Brookdale Place University Park Healthcare Center

Arizona

Brookdale North Chandler

California

Emeritus at Carmel Valley

Colorado

Brookdale Green Mountain

Brookdale Greenwood Village

Brookdale Mountain View

Brookdale Roslyn

Brookdale Skyline

Florida

Freedom Pointe at The Villages

Freedom Square Rehabilitation & Nursing Services

Premier Place at the Glenview

Illinois

Brookdale Prospect Heights

Michigan

Inn at Freedom Village

North Carolina

Brookdale Carriage Club Providence

Ohio

Homewood Resident at Richmond Heights Care Center

South Carolina

Emeritus at Anderson Place Health Care Center

Emeritus at Greenville

Texas

Brookdale at Spicewood Springs

Trinity Towers Holmgreen Center

Nearly 16,000 nursing homes nationwide can be searched on the U.S. News website for individual ratings. CMS recently revised the criteria for the nursing home ratings system with an increased focus on the use of

antipsychotic drugs and new calculations for staffing levels. CMS has also increased the baseline scoring needed for achieving the highest star levels. Brookdale applauds CMS for continuing to strive to increase quality of care.

"Brookdale has its own standards of quality throughout our operations, from care to programming, cuisine, the physical plant and more," said Estes. "Our care standards are as demanding as those of CMS and in some cases, even more so. Still, we are continually looking for ways to improve so our residents receive the highest quality of care. "

Click here to search the **U.S. News and World Report's Best Nursing Homes**. For more information about Brookdale, visit **brookdale.com**.

Brookdale Senior Living Inc. is the leading operator of senior living communities throughout the United States. The Company is committed to providing senior living solutions primarily within properties that are designed, purpose-built and operated to provide the highest-quality service, care and living accommodations for residents. Currently Brookdale operates independent living, assisted living, and dementia-care communities and continuing care retirement centers, with nearly 1,150 communities in 46 states and the ability to serve over 111,000 residents. Through its ancillary services program, the Company also offers a range of outpatient therapy, home health, personalized living and hospice services.

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