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Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center earns Five-Star rating from U.S. News & World Report

Press Release

Riviera Beach, FL – The Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Riviera Beach, which is owned and operated by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, is on U.S. News & World Report's list of Best Nursing Homes 2016-17 for earning an overall Five-Star Rating, the highest rating it awards to nursing homes. U.S. News analyzed data on health inspections, nurse staffing, and measures of medical quality of care

from the federal government to produce the ratings. The Healey Center also garnered a Five-Star Quality Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Nursing Home Compare website, a rating the Healey Center also received in 2014.

The online tool www.Medicare.gov/NHCompare, which was last updated on November 28, 2016, allows consumers to compare information for the more than 15,000 Medicare- and Medicaid-participating nursing homes around the nation on overall quality, health inspections, staffing and quality measures. Of the 55 skilled nursing facilities in the county, the Healey Center was one of 17 to earn a Five-Star Quality Rating.

"The Healey Center is a unique facility in Palm Beach County that serves some of our most vulnerable residents," said Darcy J. Davis, Chief Executive Officer of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.

"These Five-Star ratings recognize the high standard of care that our staff provides."

The 120-bed Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is an important component of Palm Beach County's health care safety net, providing long-term and short-term rehabilitation and skilled nursing care for eligible county residents, many of whom are recovering from traumatic injuries, strokes or debilitating illnesses. U.S. News & World Report noted the Healey Center scored better than average in its nurse staffing ratings for Registered Nurses, as well as all types of nurses, in total nursing time per resident per day.

"The Health Care District is proud to be recognized for providing top-quality rehabilitation and skilled nursing care to eligible county residents," said Philip H. Ward, Chair of the Health Care District of Palm

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Beach County's Board of Commissioners. "These ratings underscore our public health care system's commitment to quality."

U.S. News states that it evaluated nearly 16,000 facilities across the country and only about one out of eight facilities achieved "Best" status by earning an overall U.S. News rating of at least 4.5.

"Our Healey Center staff is to be congratulated for these ratings and their commitment to helping our residents reach and maintain their highest optimum possible level of functional and social ability each and every day," said Karen Harris, Vice President and Administrator of the Healey Center. "For many of our more than 100 residents, the Healey Center is not just a facility, it is their home."



Healey Center resident Pablo Zacarias works with Dotty Olsen-DeHon, OTR, Director of Rehabilitation, during a rehabilitation session.

About the Health Care District:

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County provides primary medical, dental and behavioral health services for adults and children at the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics, health coverage programs for eligible uninsured residents, a pharmacy operation, a nationally-recognized Trauma System, registered nurses in nearly 170 public schools, short and long-term skilled nursing at the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Riviera Beach, and acute care at its hospital, Lakeside Medical Center, which is accredited by The Joint Commission and serves the rural Glades' communities.

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