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U.S. News & World Report Names Edward J. Healey Center a 2019-20 Best Nursing Home

The Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is among the 19% of U.S. skilled nursing facilities recognized as a Best Nursing Home for 2019-20 by U.S. News & World Report. The Healey Center is a modern, 120-bed facility funded and operated by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County as part of the public health care system's mission to provide access to quality health care services.

“The Healey Center is a unique facility in Palm Beach County that serves some of our most vulnerable residents, many of whom are recovering



from traumatic injuries, strokes or debilitating illnesses,” said Darcy J. Davis, the Health Care District’s Chief Executive Officer. “This designation as a ‘Best Nursing Home’ recognizes the high standard of care that our dedicated staff provides.”

The Healey Center earned Best Nursing Homes status by achieving a rating of “High Performing,” the highest possible rating, for Long-Term Care. U.S. News gives this designation only to facilities that satisfy U.S. News’s assessment of the appropriate use of key services and consistent performance in quality measures.

“We are proud to receive this national recognition for our skilled nursing facility, which serves as a vital component of the county’s health care safety net,” said Leslie B. Daniels, Health Care District Board Chair.

Now in its 10th year, the U.S. News Best Nursing Homes ratings and profiles offer comprehensive information about care, safety, health inspections, staffing and more for nearly all of the nation’s 15,000-plus nursing homes. The Best Nursing Homes ratings reflect U.S. News’ exclusive analysis of publicly available data using a methodology defined by U.S. News that evaluates factors that it has determined most greatly impact patient and resident care, safety, and outcomes.

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This year, U.S. News introduced a new rating focused on long-term care.

The Long-Term Care Rating aims to provide prospective residents who need help with daily activities, and their families, with analysis and information regarding the quality of care provided by nursing homes. The rating includes data on staffing, success in preventing emergency room visits, and pneumonia vaccination rates, among other metrics.

“This recognition reflects the commitment of our staff to help our residents reach and maintain their highest optimum level of functional and social ability,” said Karen A. Harris, the Health Care District’s Vice President of Field Operations. “For many of our more than 100 residents, the Healey Center is more than a skilled nursing facility, it is their home.”

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