U.S. News & World Report Names The Edward J. Healey Rehabiltation and Nursing Center Among Best In Florida

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The Health Care District of Palm Beach County's skilled nursing home, the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, has again been recognized as a Best Nursing Home for Long-Term Care for 2022-2023 by U.S. News & World Report, earning a "High Performing" rating, the highest possible achievement. The Healey Center, which earned an overall rating of five out of five, is a modern, 120-bed facility in Riviera Beach, Florida that is home to some of the county's most vulnerable residents.

"It's an honor to receive the Best Nursing Homes designation for the fourth year in a row," said Darcy J. Davis, the Health Care District's Chief Executive Officer. "Without the Healey Center, many of our residents would have nowhere else to turn for skilled nursing care and comprehensive rehabilitation. Our safety net facility provides a home of hope and healing

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and has a more than 100-year history of serving our community."

The annual Best Nursing Homes ratings, now in their 13th year, assist prospective residents and their families in making informed decisions in consultation with their medical professionals about where to receive short-term or long-term nursing home care. Only 16% of U.S skilled-nursing facilities earned the "Best Nursing Home" designation this year.

"Receiving this national recognition again this year underscores the high quality of care provided by the Healey Center's dedicated health care professionals," said Alina Alonso, MD, Health Care District Board Chair. "I congratulate the Healey Center team for this outstanding achievement."

For 2022-2023, U.S. News rated more than 15,000 nursing homes on care, safety, infection rates, staffing and health inspections. For the first time, the Best Nursing Homes ratings feature a new measure on weekend staffing and another new measure on infection rates that led to hospitalizations.

"The Healey Center's residents are younger than most nursing home populations," added Karen A. Harris, the Health Care District's Vice President of Field Operations. "The average age of our residents is 62 and the youngest is 21. Many have suffered traumatic injuries, strokes or debilitating illnesses. We provide a continuum of specialized care for residents to reach and maintain their highest optimum level of functional and social ability."

"Choosing the right nursing home based on care needs and comfort is a critical decision for prospective residents and their families," said Zach Adams, health data engineer at U.S. News. "The Best Nursing Homes ratings highlight nursing homes that excel in short-term rehabilitation and long-term care needs."

The Best Nursing Homes methodology factors data such as resident care, safety, and outcomes. To calculate the Best Nursing Homes ratings, U.S. News evaluated each nursing homes performance using a variety of data obtained from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Both short- and long-term ratings include data on consistency of registered nurse staffing, use of antipsychotic drugs, and success in preventing ER and hospital visits. The long-term care rating also includes measures of whether a home changed ownership and how well they were staffed on weekends. The short-term rehabilitation rating also includes measure of a home's success in preventing falls, preventing serious infections, and making sure residents are able to return home.

For more information, visit Best Nursing Homes and use #BestNursingHomes on Facebook and Twitter.

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About the Health Care District

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County is a special taxpayer-funded district that has served as a health care safety net for over 30 years to fill in gaps in access to health care services. This unique health care system covers the entire county and provides diverse services such as 13 outpatient clinics (Federally Qualified Health Centers) which serve everyone regardless of ability to pay; school nurses staffed in nearly 170 public schools; two Trauma Hawk aeromedical helicopters; a rural, public teaching hospital, Lakeside Medical Center; a skilled nursing facility, the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; pharmacy services; a specialty benefits program for eligible, uninsured residents; and quality performance oversight of the county's lifesaving trauma system.

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