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Nevada State Veterans Home receives HealthInsight Quality Award five years in a row

(Boulder City, NV) – The Nevada State Veterans Home (NSVH) is again being recognized for providing quality care. This week NSVH received the HealthInsight Quality Award marking a fifth year in a row the Veterans Home has received this recognition from the non-profit, community-based health care collaborative, HealthInsight.

According to HealthInsight, only five Nevada nursing homes received the award this year. It recognizes nursing homes for excelling in a number of quality care measures. In order to meet the criteria for the Quality Award, a nursing home has to rank in the top 25 percent of performers in the nation, based on MDS 3.0 Quality Measures from Nursing Home Compare, a facility must have a three or above star rating from CMS. The NSVH maintains a five star rating, the highest rating possible. Additionally, a facility must demonstrate a successfully implemented quality improvement program in their facilities.

NSNH Administrator Linda Gelinger said, "This demonstrates the commitment of our entire team to serve Nevada's heroes." She added, "Everyone, from our health care professionals, nonclinical personnel, to our volunteers, are all dedicated to providing the best quality care to our veterans. This type of recognition doesn't happen by accident. It happens because everyone is passionate and cares very deeply about our Veterans."

Donna Thorson, HealthInsight senior project manager said, "HealthInsight is proud to recognize our award recipients. Those receiving the Quality Award show a commitment to person-center care and the development of systematic performance improvement."

The nursing home quality information is available by visiting www.medicare.gov and selecting Compare Nursing Homes in Your Area, or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

HealthInsight is a recognized leader in convening and partnering with communities to improve health care by advancing quality, efficiency and value for patients and providers. HealthInsight is composed of locally governed organizations in four western states; Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah. HealthInsight also has operations in Seattle, Wash., and Glendale, Calif., supporting end stage renal disease networks in the Western United States. As such, it is able to draw upon the unique social and cultural elements of each region, as well as quality improvement expertise that has been developed over four decades. Learn more at www.healthinsight.org.

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About us: NDVS is a state agency with the mission of connecting Nevada's veterans, their spouses, and families to benefits, resources and programs earned through military service in the United States Armed Forces. NDVS is responsible for the administration of two State Veterans Memorial Cemeteries; one Boulder City, the other in Fernley. The agency also operates a Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City and is currently overseeing the construction of a new State Veterans Home in Sparks. NDVS administration and staff are dedicated in their commitment to serving "Nevada's Heroes."

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