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AHCA Announces 11 Gold Seal Award Winners

~ Increases Total Number of Gold Seal Award Facilities in Florida to 36 ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) announced that 11 nursing facilities have received the Gold Seal Award from the Governor’s Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care. Five facilities earned Gold Seal designation for the first time while six others had their status renewed. There are now 36 Gold Seal Award nursing facilities in Florida. This award recognizes Long-term Care facilities that consistently provide their residents with exceptional levels of care and service.

Governor Scott said, “Florida is dedicated to providing our elder population with the best possible care. These facilities help families know that their loved ones are getting the quality care they deserve thanks to the hard work of these nursing homes and their staff members. I’d like to thank those that work in the Long-Term Care industry for their commitment to Florida’s elderly population.”

Agency Secretary Elizabeth Dudek said, “I would like to congratulate all of the facilities receiving this honor and thank them for providing quality care to their residents. Recipients of the Governor’s Gold Seal Award have proven to provide an exceptional service to members of our families and our communities. This award recognizes the very best Long-term Care facilities in Florida, and their commitment to excellence allows family members to know that their loved ones are in good hands.”

The following facilities will be recognized as Gold Seal Award facilities effective July 1, 2016:

- Commons at Orlando Lutheran Towers, Orlando
- First Coast Health & Rehabilitation Center, Jacksonville
- PruittHealth, Santa Rosa, Milton
- Rehab and Healthcare Center of Cape Coral, Cape Coral
- Ybor City Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Tampa
- Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home, Panama City (Renewal)
- Florida Presbyterian Homes Inc., Lakeland (Renewal)
- River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged, Jacksonville (Renewal)
- Sunnyside Nursing Home, Sarasota (Renewal)
- Vicar’s Landing Nursing Home, Ponte Vedra Beach (Renewal)
- Village on the Green, Longwood (Renewal)



Facilities that wish to be considered for the Gold Seal Award must be in operation for a minimum of 30 months and meet rigorous standards for quality of care, financial soundness, family and community involvement, training and workforce stability. Facilities must also have an absence of Class I or II deficiencies within the 30 months preceding their application.

For a complete listing of Gold Seal facilities, please visit FloridaHealthFinder.gov and click on *Facilities or Providers* underneath the *Locate* header. From there choose *Search by Facility Type/Location* and use the *Advanced Search* option when searching for nursing homes to find the list of Gold Seal facilities.

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The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 48,500 health care facilities and 45 health plans, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via [Facebook \(AHCAFlorida\)](#), [Twitter \(@AHCA_FL\)](#) and [YouTube \(/AHCAFlorida\)](#).