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## **FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES GOLD SEAL AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*~Award recognizes excellence in long-term care~*

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) today recognized 13 Florida nursing homes for receiving the Governor’s Gold Seal Award for excellence in long-term care. Created in 2002, the Gold Seal Award program recognizes Florida nursing homes that have exceptionally high standards and display excellence in the quality of care delivered to their residents.

“We commend this year’s Gold Seal recipients for excellent performance in regulatory standards, financial stability, consumer satisfaction and enhancing the quality of care provided to nursing home residents in Florida,” said Agency Interim Secretary, Elizabeth Dudek.

Award recipients include two new recipients and eleven previous Gold Seal Award recipients. The nursing homes receiving the Agency’s Gold Seal Award for the first time are the Brooksville Healthcare Center in Brooksville and Palace at Kendall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Miami. River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged of Jacksonville and Village on the Green of Longwood, have achieved this award for five consecutive terms.

The following is a complete list of current Gold Seal nursing homes and their consecutive terms:

Bay Village of Sarasota, Sarasota (*Term: November 24, 2004 – November 23, 2012*)\*  
Brooksville Healthcare Center, Brooksville (*Term: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2012*)\*  
Coquina Center, Ormond Beach (*Term: August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2012*)\*  
Florida Presbyterian Homes, Inc., Lakeland (*Term: August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2012*)\*  
Harbour’s Edge, Delray Beach (*Term: January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010*)  
Indian River Center, West Melbourne (*Term: January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010*)  
John Knox Village Medical Center Orange City (*Term: November 1, 2006 – October 31, 2012*)\*  
John Knox Village Medical Center Tampa, (*Term: July 24, 2002 – November 23, 2010*)  
Joseph L. Morse Geriatric Center Haverhill (*Term: January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010*)  
The Manor at Carpenters, Lakeland (*Term: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2012*)\*  
The Mayflower Healthcare Center, Winter Park, (*Term: November 24, 2004 – November 23, 2012*)\*  
Memorial Manor, Pembroke Pines (*Term: August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2012*)\*  
Palace at Kendall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Miami (*Term: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2012*)\*  
The Pavilion for Health Care, Penney Farms (*Term: July 24, 2002 – November 23, 2010*)  
River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged, Jacksonville (*Term: July 24, 2002 – November 23, 2012*)\*  
Sunnyside Nursing Home, Sarasota (*Term: November 24, 2004 – November 23, 2012*)\*



Vicar's Landing Nursing Home, Ponte Vedra Beach (Term: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2012)\*  
Village on the Green, Longwood (Term: October 14, 2002 – November 23, 2012)\*

*\*Denotes the 13 nursing homes receiving the award at this time.*

Nursing homes that wish to be considered for the Gold Seal Award must submit an application to the Agency, which is reviewed by the Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care. The Panel considers the criteria below and makes recommendations to the Governor for the Gold Seal award. Gold Seal recipients must be in operation a minimum of 30 months prior to the date of application and the facility must:

- Meet a quality of care scoring and ranking that places them in the top 10 percent in their region or top 15 percent in the state and be a 5-star facility in the Nursing Home Guide
- Have no Class I or II deficiencies within 30 months preceding application
- Provide evidence of financial soundness and stability
- Participate in a consumer satisfaction process involving residents, family members and guardians
- Involve families and members of the community in the facility on a regular basis
- Have a stable workforce
- Have an outstanding record with the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council within the 30 months preceding application
- Provide targeted in-service training to meet training needs identified

The Gold Seal Award program was developed and implemented by the Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care, which is composed of persons appointed by the Governor's Office, Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Health, Department of Elder Affairs, Florida Association of Homes for the Aging, Florida Health Care Association, Florida Life Care Residents Association and the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Of the 670 licensed nursing homes in Florida, there are 18 nursing homes that currently hold the Gold Seal Award.

For a complete listing of Gold Seal facilities, please visit [FloridaHealthFinder.gov](http://FloridaHealthFinder.gov), then click on Find a Facility or Provider. From here 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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