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Grand Traverse Pavilions AGAIN recognized by U.S. News and World Report - Best Nursing Homes and Short-Term Rehabilitation (2021-2022)

January 6, 2022 - U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in health care rankings, has officially released the 2021-22 Best Nursing Homes. As nursing homes and facilities across the country continue to grapple with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, U.S. News remains at the forefront of providing data-driven information and guidance to help residents, families and caregivers understand their long- and short-term care options.

The 12th edition of the U.S. News Best Nursing Homes combines comprehensive information about care, COVID-19 vaccination requirements for residents and staff, flu and pneumonia vaccination rates, and infection control violations listed on the resident safety summary. Individuals can easily conduct customized research for a highly rated nursing home by location, size and Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

"U.S. News takes pride in providing relevant, up-to-date information when making any sort of health care decision," says Zach Adams, health data engineer at U.S. News. "Profiles now include resident and staff COVID-19 vaccination rates alongside information on how to pay for a facility. This important information can help families, residents and caregivers make a decision that keeps safety and accessibility at the highest priority."

This year's methodology includes an emphasis on homes meeting certain standards of patient safety, which could limit a home's ability to achieve a 'High-Performing' rating. These standards include a minimum threshold for the staff COVID-19 vaccination rate, overuse of antipsychotic drugs and frequent visits to the emergency department, among other criteria. Homes that have below a 75% COVID-19 staff vaccination rate are not considered a leading facility. A significant percentage of Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care programs that would otherwise have qualified as 'High-Performing' were downgraded because of this requirement.

"It is always nice to have your organization and your staff acknowledged for their exceptional efforts. Being recognized by U.S. News and World Report for two consecutive years as one of the Best Nursing Homes in the country is quite an honor. It certainly speaks to our Vision "To be the region's trusted partner and recognized leader for successful aging services," shared Rose Coleman, CEO/Administrator for Grand Traverse Pavilions.

In addition to helping families find the best nursing home for their loved one, U.S. News published pieces on understanding vaccine mandates in nursing homes, evaluating a nursing home's disaster plan and where your money goes when paying for a nursing home.

The Best Nursing Homes reflect U.S. News' analysis of data collected and published by the federal government using a methodology defined by U.S. News that evaluates factors that U.S. News has determined most impact resident care, safety and outcomes. All measures in both ratings were developed from publicly available data from CMS as of July 2021. COVID-19 vaccine information reflects publicly available data as of October 2021. For more information about this year's updates and new ratings, please refer to the methodology. U.S. News also profiles Assisted Living Communities, which in many cases provide services that overlap with traditional nursing homes.

For the full list, visit the Nursing Home Finder

About Grand Traverse Pavilions

Grand Traverse Pavilions is the region's first and only nonprofit Continuum of Care. Initiated by Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services in response to the Social Welfare Act 280 of 1939 to care for the states most vulnerable citizens. Current the Pavilions provides services for more than 300 on-site residents and 100 daily program participants. Grand Traverse Pavilions is a community of caring and innovation primarily for our region's low-income seniors, with Wellness Center programs for the entire community. Grand Traverse Pavilions has received Nursing Care Center accreditation by the Joint Commission along with Post-Acute Care and Memory Care certifications. A recipient of the Governor's Quality Care Award, The Pavilions is owned by Grand Traverse County and governed by the Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services Board. Learn more about Grand Traverse Pavilions by visiting www.gtpavilions.org.

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