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Louisiana Nursing Facilities Receive National Quality Awards

(Baton Rouge, LA – July 12, 2017) Louisiana Nursing Home Association (LNHA) announced that six nursing facilities from across Louisiana have been selected as a 2017 Silver – Achievement in Quality Award recipient earning national honors for developing and demonstrating effective approaches that help improve performance and quality outcomes.

The <u>National Quality Award Program</u> by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) has three progressive levels – bronze, silver and gold. Facilities must begin at the bronze level before applying for the next. Last month, 18 nursing facilities were recipients of the Silver Award – Commitment to Quality.

Mark Berger, LNHA Executive Director said, "To earn an award at this level requires the unwavering commitment of each individual in a facility. I congratulate each staff member who helped achieve this significant milestone for their nursing facility."

Louisiana's Silver – Achievement in Quality Award recipients are:

- Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, LLC., Winnfield
- Forest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center LLC., Jonesboro
- Garden Park Nursing and Rehabilitation, Shreveport
- Hilltop Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Pineville
- New Iberia Manor North, New Iberia
- Plantation Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Winnsboro

Implemented by AHCA/NCAL in 1996, the National Quality Award Program is centered on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. The program assists providers of long term and post-acute care services in achieving their performance excellence goals. The awards will be presented during AHCA/NCAL's 68th Annual Convention and Exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 15-18, 2017.

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About Louisiana Nursing Home Association

The Louisiana Nursing Home Association (LNHA) is a nonprofit organization representing nearly 250 member nursing facilities and assisted living facilities that care for more than 25,000 of Louisiana's elderly and disabled individuals each day. On behalf of its members, LNHA advocates for providing quality care and nurturing environments to Louisiana's frail and elderly. For more information about LNHA, visit our website at www.lnha.org.

About AHCA/NCAL

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represent more than 13,000 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing facilities, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, please visit www.ahca.org or www.ncal.org.