

Belleair Health Care Center recognized

CLEARWATER – Belleair Health Care Center recently earned the highest 5-star ranking from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. The distinction places the therapy center in the top 10 percent of all health care centers in the state.

In a press release, Belleair Health Care Center reports how their facility is apart from others. “We provide outstanding nursing care along with specialized therapies that include, physical, occupational and speech therapy. We are dedicated to ensuring that quality and compassion are a way of life and we fundamentally believe that caring for the elderly and the disabled is a calling.”

“Our programs make a difference in seniors’ lives. We provide cardiac recovery, pulmonary rehab, and lymphedema services and wound care. On a grand scale, we have acquired the latest technology and fitness equipment and our shuttle van improves community access to rehabilitative care. Ultimately, we achieve best outcomes for our patients,” says Belleair’s management.

They believe the rating system is a good benchmark for measuring and selecting quality-run skilled nursing rehab facilities, but they highly encourage the public to visit and tour the facilities. They know that selecting a facility for a loved one is a very important decision and individuals need to develop a comfort level with the facility and staff. They feel that a personal tour will continue to show the five-star rating and customer dedication seen with their concierge services, planned activities, social programs and semi-private accommodations.

“We are committed to innovation, quality and integrity,” says senior management. “Our focus is providing the best in health care, in a friendly, clean and comfortable environment to make loved ones feel like a valued member of our family. No one here is just a patient, they are extended family.”

ACHA inspects all Florida nursing homes to assess how well the nursing home complies with the federal laws governing nursing homes that accept Medicare or Medicaid payments.

AHCA is responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program, for the licensure and regulation of health facilities and for providing information to Floridians about the quality of the health care they receive in Florida.

Certification surveys provide a comprehensive assessment of the nursing home, including such areas as medication management, proper skin care, assessment of resident needs, nursing home administration, environment, kitchen/food services, and resident rights and quality of life, reports ACHA.

According to AHCA, complete inspections are conducted on average once per year. They are unannounced and typically last three to four days. AHCA reports that the nursing home profession has embraced the release of data in being more transparent.

In fact, nursing facilities were the first providers to publicly report quality measures that were posted online.