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U.S. News & World Report names Peconic Landing among the nation's 'best' offering skilled nursing care

GREENPORT, N.Y., December 21, 2017 — Peconic Landing's Health Center has been named among *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Nursing Homes" for the seventh consecutive year, recognizing it among the top 15 percent of nursing homes nationwide for 2017-2018. This is the first year Peconic Landing's new resort-style short-term rehabilitation neighborhood, The Bluffs, was included in the rating, recognizing a successful transition through expansion efforts in 2016.

The retirement community celebrated the recognition during its annual Employee Appreciation Party December 15th, where members of the staff were pinned with the updated certification.

"This was a very important year for us, and it is gratifying to see our high standard of care successfully transitioned through the opening of The Bluffs, our short-term rehabilitation neighborhood," said Robert J. Syron, President/CEO of Peconic Landing. "We have our amazing team of caregivers to thank for this. These individuals make the difference."

Those earning the publication's top honor are the select few to have scored a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency tasked with setting and enforcing standards for nursing homes. The agency evaluates federal data gauging health and safety standards, nurse staffing and care times, as well as the quality of care patients receive during a stay at each care center.

"Selecting the right nursing home that offers exceptional care for a loved one can be particularly challenging," says Ben Harder, Managing Editor and Chief of Health Analysis. "For the Best Nursing Homes, U.S. News analyzed objective data to arm consumers with the information and confidence they need to help them choose a home capable of providing the quality care seniors deserve."

U.S. News evaluated more than 15,000 locations nationwide, in every state and nearly 100 major metropolitan areas. This year, only 2,300 nursing homes earned the designation of a U.S. News Best Nursing Home.

U.S. News & World Report rates nursing homes as part of its "Nursing Home Finder" decision tool, a web-based tool used to help individuals in need of temporary or long-term skilled nursing care. On any given day, an estimated 1.4 million people are receiving care in nursing homes, the majority of them seniors.

To qualify as a "Best Nursing Home," care centers must earn an average rating of 4.5 out of 5 during ten months of federal reports ending in August 2017 and consistently meet performance standards set by CMS and U.S. News & World Report, according to the magazine's methodology report.

"These ever-changing methodology standards are put in place to ensure care providers are offering the best services possible. This makes the five-star designation challenging to receive, but motivates us to continue working our very best for our members," said Gregory J. Garrett, EVP/ Administrator of Health Services for Peconic Landing. "Congratulations to the entire team here at Peconic Landing."

The Shores has maintained that five-star rating for the past 28 consecutive quarters, a task that is becoming more challenging as the federal agency is working to strengthen its nursing home evaluation program. This year the agency continued its newly incorporated methodology introduced in 2016 to ensure care centers "provide significantly more than the required minimum of rehabilitation therapy to residents" among other standards, according to the report.

Peconic Landing's Health Center rating can be viewed at <https://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes/area/ny/peconic-landing-at-southold-inc-335842>.

For more information about Peconic Landing or its Health Services, please visit www.PeconicLanding.org.

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Peconic Landing is an innovative, not-for-profit CCAC-CARF-accredited continuing care retirement community (CCRC) located on the waterfront in Greenport, N.Y., on the North Fork of Long Island. Among its long list of achievements, Peconic Landing is the only equity-based LifeCare community in the state of New York. It is a member of LeadingAge and LeadingAge New York and embraces a healthy, active lifestyle infused with a sense of exploration, creativity, and generosity of spirit.