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WALSH HEALTHCARE CENTER Earns 2018 Silver National Quality Award

WALSH, COLORADO – WALSH HEALTHCARE CENTER/ MAPLEWOOD HOMES has been recognized as a 2018 *Silver – Achievement in Quality Award* recipient by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). The award is the second of three distinctions possible through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program, which spotlights providers across the nation that have demonstrated their dedication to improving quality of care for residents and patients in long term and post-acute care.

“Walsh Healthcare Center/Maplewood Homes is committed to implementing processes that better the lives of those we serve,” said Rita Hetrick, Administrator of Walsh Healthcare Center/Maplewood Homes. “We are proud to receive the Silver award and look forward to continuing our efforts to improve quality.”

Based on the core values and criteria of the *Baldrige Performance Excellence Program*, AHCA/NCAL’s National Quality Award Program challenges member providers to achieve performance excellence through three progressive levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. At the Silver level, members develop and demonstrate effective approaches that help improve organizational performance and health care outcomes.

“This year’s Silver award recipients are positioned well to accomplish even better outcomes as they progress in their quality journey,” said Alana Wolfe, Chair of the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers. “I commend Walsh Healthcare Center and Maplewood Homes on this outstanding achievement.”

As a 2018 recipient of the Silver award, Walsh Healthcare Center/Maplewood Homes can now advance in further developing comprehensive approaches that meet the criteria required for the Gold – Excellence in Quality Award.

The awards will be presented to honorees during AHCA/NCAL’s 69th Annual Convention & Expo in San Diego, California, October 7-10, 2018.

ABOUT WALSH HEALTHCARE CENTER/MAPLEWOOD HOMES

Walsh Healthcare Center operates a 30-bed long-term care facility along with Maplewood Homes a 20-bed assisted living facility. Walsh Healthcare Center is located in the extreme southeast corner of Colorado in the “Frontier” Town of Walsh and is supported by the surrounding farming/ranching operations. The District is comprised of approximately 1600 square miles and includes the Towns of Walsh, Vilas, Two Buttes and Stonington. Our District borders two states, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Our key services offerings are a continuum of healthcare services. Maplewood Homes Assisted Living is a vital piece of our health care network continuum, as it offers an easier transition to long term care. Our Long Term Care

completes our continuity of care. Walsh Healthcare Center's relative importance is to provide an array of health care services to those citizens in need who have made this location their home. The majority of families that we serve have lived in the area since the early 1900's. We are blessed with a relaxed, homelike atmosphere. Our Mission Statement is: COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE. Our Vision is to move into the future with culture change offering person to person centered care in every aspect of operation and individual preferences. For more information visit: www.walshhealthcarecenter.com or call 719-324-5262.

ABOUT AHCA/NCAL

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represent more than 13,600 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. By delivering solutions for quality care, AHCA/NCAL aims to improve the lives of the millions of frail, elderly and individuals with disabilities who receive long term or post-acute care in our member facilities each day. For more information, please visit www.ahca.org or www.ncal.org.