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Dear Post-Acute Care Administrator:

Congratulations! Your Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) has been identified as a top performer by the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA).

Each year, ACHCA recognizes the leaders of top-performing SNF's across the country through its Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. ACHCA uses MDS quality indicators (QMs), occupancy, and three years of survey data to identify top-performers.

ACHCA believes that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence, so the purpose of the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award is to recognize the administrators of top-performing SNFs. Since CMS data is used to identify qualifying facilities, details about the administrator are often unavailable or out of date. Please forgive this limitation, but know that we seek to recognize you individually as the leader of your organization.

Please visit www.achca.org/fla by February 14, 2016 to complete the online form. You will be asked to confirm your tenure and indicate your preference for being recognized.

- **In-Person Peer Celebration**
Be recognized by your peers at the ACHCA 50th Annual Convocation and Exposition, April 16-20, 2016 in Philadelphia, PA. Register as a full conference participant and join us at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, April 19th, where you will be presented with your framed award certificate. You may register for the Convocation at the discounted member rate, regardless of your membership status.
- **Remote Recognition**
Select this option if you are not able to join us at the 50th Annual Convocation and Exposition, but would still like to receive your award certificate via email.
- **Team Letter**
Select this option if you have not been the administrator of record for the full 2015 calendar year. ACHCA will still send a congratulatory letter to your team.

The Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award is a distinction of significance. Fewer than 9% of facilities nationwide qualify. Congratulations on your SNF's achievement! Here's hoping you join us at Convocation to be recognized with your peers for your leadership excellence.

Sincerely,

Michael Hotz, CNHA, FACHCA
Chair, ACHCA Board of Directors

CC Andrews, MA
Chair, Awards Subcommittee



About ACHCA

The Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award is available to members and those who are not yet members of ACHCA. If you are not yet a member of ACHCA and attend Convocation to be presented your award, you will be granted a 12-month complimentary (non-voting) membership.

Whether you are new to the profession or long-established in the field, membership in ACHCA gives you the opportunity to build a network of colleagues, both locally and nationally. As an ACHCA member, you belong to an elite and collegial group of long term care leaders who share your commitment to excellence. Take advantage of face-to-face meetings and conferences, enjoy daily access to your colleagues through the members-only Peer2Peer e-Forum, and participate in ACHCA's new mentoring program for emerging long term care administrators.

Founded in 1962, ACHCA is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's post-acute and aging services leaders. Focused on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides educational programming, professional certification, and career development opportunities for its members.

Access to Professional Resources

- Members-only newsletters
- Industry journals
- Career Link

Leadership Development

- National, regional and local conferences
- Professional Advancement—Certification and Fellow status
- Self-study and distance continuing education programs
- Leadership volunteerism and mentoring opportunities

Networking

- Chapter and district network
- Real-time access to peers via ACHCA Connect
- Social events at conferences

ACHCA Partnerships and Member Discounts

For more information about ACHCA, contact the national office at (202) 536-5120 or visit www.achca.org.

About the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award

The Facility Leadership Award was introduced by one of ACHCA’s most revered leaders, the late Eli Pick, in 2008. Eli worked with colleague, John Sheridan of eHealth Data Solutions, to develop an awards program that uses data driven criteria to objectively identify high-performing skilled nursing facilities and the leaders who make them excel. Today, Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award recipients are identified using publicly collected data by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which is pulled and evaluated by an independent third party. Administrators of those high-performing SNFs are celebrated and honored during ACHCA’s national awards ceremony held at the annual Convocation and Exposition each Spring.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The current administrator has been the administrator of record for the full 2015 calendar year.
- No survey (Health, Fire Safety and Complaint) in the past 3 years with a citation above “E” in Scope and Severity
- Occupancy of at least 80% as defined by CMS Survey report
- At least one CMS 3-quarter average QM score matching the criteria listed below:
 1. Short Stay Pain – Less than 8.3%
 2. Long Stay Pain – Less than or equal to 1%
 3. Short Stay Pressure Ulcers – Less than or equal to 0.05%
 4. Long Stay Pressure Ulcers – Less than or equal to 2.6%
 5. Long Stay UTI – Less than or equal to 1.8%
 6. Short Stay Psychotropic Meds – Zero Percent (0%)
 7. Long Stay Psychotropic Meds – Less than or equal to 8%
- Avoidance of Special Focus Facility status
- To receive the award, all of the above conditions need to be met

Exclusivity:

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2016 FLA Candidates counted by State							
STATE	# of Centers	STATE	# of Centers	STATE	# of Centers	STATE	# of Centers
AL	12	IA	6	MT	2	SC	22
AR	8	IN	14	NC	59	SD	28
AZ	3	KY	16	ND	4	TN	17
CA	176	LA	13	NH	33	TX	1
CO	3	MA	68	NJ	81	UT	4
CT	9	MD	22	NV	1	VA	21
DC	3	ME	42	NY	227	VT	11
DE	2	MI	1	OH	46	WA	5
FL	100	MN	22	OK	1	WI	10
GA	76	MO	11	PA	76	WV	6
HI	9	MS	16	RI	22	WY	1