

Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care Awards Consecutive Gold Seal since 2009 to MorseLife Health System

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West Palm Beach, FL, (December 25, 2016) – In its renewal application, MorseLife Health System continues to maintain its Gold Seal Award from the State of Florida, The Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care. The nonprofit senior care continuum has achieved this honor annually since 2009, reflecting the level of care provided in its 190-bed long-term care residence, Morse Health Center, and its 120-bed short-term rehabilitation residence, the Sondra and David S. Mack Pavilion.

The Governor's Gold Seal Award recognizes Florida long-term care residences that demonstrate excellence in long term care over a sustained period while promoting the stability of the profession and facilitating the physical, social, and emotional well-being of nursing center residents. MorseLife Health System has met the^[1]_{SEP} following criteria to receive the Gold Seal Award:

- Maintains a quality of care scoring and ranking that places it in the top 10% in its region or top 15% in the state and is a 5-star ranked facility in the Nursing Home Guide.
- Has no Class I or II deficiencies within 30 months preceding its application.
- Provides evidence of financial soundness and stability.
- Participates in a consumer satisfaction process involving residents, family members and guardians.
- Involves families and members of the community in the facility on a regular basis.
- Has a stable workforce.
- Has an outstanding record with the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council within the 30 months preceding its application
- Provides targeted in-service training to meet training needs identified.

Upon receiving the award, Keith A. Myers, president/CEO for MorseLife Health System, praised staff at all levels for the achievement. "Receiving the Gold Seal Award once again and being named among a mere 2% of nearly 700 Florida nursing homes that receive this honor, is an ongoing testament to the level of excellence our entire staff has in their care of our residents and patients," said Myers. "We remain committed to being a center of excellence in the care of seniors, and our ongoing goal has always been to not merely meet, but exceed the expectations of our residents and families."

Myers noted that this honor represents "our ongoing commitment to continuing to demonstrate best practices in caring for the cherished seniors of our community."

Established in 2002, the program was developed and is implemented by the Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care (Panel), which is comprised of persons appointed by the

Governor's Office, Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Department of Health, Department of Elder Affairs, Florida Health Care Association, Florida Life Care Residents Association, LeadingAge Florida, and the State Long Term Care Ombudsman.

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