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**Five VHCA-VCAL Members Earn National Awards for Quality**

**Richmond, VA –** Five provider communities in Virginia have been recognized with national awards for demonstrating their dedication to improving quality of care for residents and patients in long term and post-acute care under the AHCA/NCAL [National Quality Award Program](https://www.ahcancal.org/quality_improvement/quality_award/Pages/default.aspx).

Riverside Convalescent Center – Mathews has earned the 2018 *Silver – Achievement in Quality Award*. Riverside Convalescent Center – Mathews is among only 166 skilled nursing care centers and assisted living communities in 36 states recognized for commitment to quality care across the country this year.

“Riverside Convalescent Center – Mathews has shown its strong commitment to a culture of continuous improvement in the quality of care for their residents and patients,” said Virginia Health Care Association Virginia Center for Assisted Living (VHCA-VCAL) President and CEO Keith Hare. “VHCA-VCAL applauds them for their efforts.”

Four new members join the ranks of the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award winners in 2018 earning their *Bronze-Commitment to Quality Awards* for their dedication to quality care.  VHCA-VCAL offers its congratulations to the following:

* Seaside Health Center at Atlantic Shores, Virginia Beach
* Sunrise of Countryside, Potomac Falls
* The Colonnades, Charlottesville
* The Jefferson, Arlington

“These centers’ commitment to quality improvement is a testament to the dedication of their staff to the care of their residents and patients,” added Hare. “VHCA-VCAL is proud its members continue to lead the way as one of the states with the highest percentage of their members who have received quality awards.”

In total, 521 long term and post-acute care providers in 50 states were recognized for Bronze- Commitment to Quality Care in 2018.

VHCA-VCAL now counts 54 active Quality Award recipients among the membership: 1 *Gold - Excellence in Quality*, 10 *Silver - Achievement in Quality*, and 43 *Bronze - Commitment to Quality*.

*About the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Awards Program*

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. 2018 recipients of the Silver award can now advance in further developing comprehensive strategies that meet the criteria required for the *Gold – Excellence in Quality Award*.

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

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