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Rewarding Leadership: The ACHCA Annual Facility Leadership Awards

Alexandria, VA – January 19, 2011 – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) will present its Facility Leadership Award to deserving administrators of top-performing long term care facilities at their 45th Annual Convocation and Exposition held April 29-May 3 in New Orleans. The award recognizes administrators' achievement of a level of performance related to selected dimensions of organizational quality that few others have been able to reach.

Achieving a universally recognized state of quality in a long term care organization is certainly no simple feat. From the challenge of implementing established standards of quality criteria, to management theory teaching that quality care and service yield operational success, to consumer advocate groups who point out the relationship between facility leadership stability and higher quality —long term care professionals face unique challenges when it comes to the issues of quality performance.

Given this, ACHCA's endless journey in advancing excellence in long term care leadership leads them to seek and acknowledge those individuals who have achieved a demonstrated measure of clinical achievement, good service, compliance excellence, reduced liability exposure, and commercial success. Rising to not only meet, but to exceed, all of these challenges is undeniably a remarkable accomplishment that is achieved only by those who possess stellar leadership capabilities.

To identify those top-performing organizations whose administrators are eligible for the Facility Leadership Award, eHealth Data Solutions, a long term care data and information company based in Cleveland, Ohio, analyzed national, publicly available MDS and Survey data from CMS and proceeded to rank order it within each state. Based on this analysis, the top performing Medicare certified skilled nursing facilities and their administrators have been identified and will be notified in February that their administrator is eligible to receive this leadership recognition on behalf of their organization.

The 2011 Facility Leadership Awards will be presented at the ACHCA Annual Convocation and Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 29-May 3, 2011. In an effort to reinforce collegial professionalism and networking, attendance at the ACHCA Convocation is required in order to receive the highest level of this award. Participation such as this not only allows celebration of accomplishments with one's professional peers, it also provides a meaningful, positive way of learning from one another's successes. This year ACHCA is introducing additional levels of this award for those leaders who are unable to travel to New Orleans by providing a letter recognizing their accomplishment.

Administrators nationwide are invited to help recognize outstanding leadership efforts and participate in exceptional educational programming by attending the 2011 ACHCA Convocation. Visit www.achca.org for event information.

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (The College) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's long term care administrator and executive. The College's mission focuses on advancing leadership excellence in long term care through the provision of leadership education, promotion of professional advancement programs such as Fellowship and Professional Certification, and facilitation of leadership development. The College's diverse membership includes administrators from across the continuum of long-term care. For more information about The College, call the National Office at (202) 536-5120 or visit www.achca.org

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