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PMMA has 7 communities on 2020 U.S. News and World Report Best Nursing Homes lists

Seven PMMA (Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America) senior living communities are among those recognized as the best in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

The seven campuses received the High Performing designation in either long-term care or short-term care from U.S. News and World Report, placing the communities on the Best Nursing Homes List 2020=21. The recognition was announced October 27 at www.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes/search.

PMMA locations on the honoree list with high-performing designations in long-term care are Aberdeen Village (Olathe), Arkansas City, Lawrence, Manor of the Plains (Dodge City), Topeka and Wichita in Kansas and Aberdeen Heights (Kirkwood) in Missouri. Five communities also made the high-performing list for short-term rehabilitation: Aberdeen Village (Olathe), Manor of the Plains (Dodge City), and Wichita in Kansas and Aberdeen Heights (Kirkwood) in Missouri.

U.S. News and World Report uses information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the government agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes. CMS assigns one to five stars to each community for how well it performs in health inspections, nurse staffing levels and specific quality measures for care.

Survey teams from the state conduct inspections in each community every 12 to 15 months. The surveys cover a checklist of about 180 items such as medication management, food preparation and delivery, proper paperwork and resident enrichment activities.

While 3,689 long-term care facilities received 5-star ratings from CMS, only 3,277 of U.S. nursing homes earned at least one badge from U.S. News and World Report for 2020-21.

The U.S. News Overall ratings assign each eligible nursing home a rating of High Performing, Better than Average, Average, Worse than Average or Poor. U.S. News now uses the CMS star rating for staffing rather than the overall star rating to determine which communities are given the High Performing designation. This decision reflects expert opinion on the importance of staffing in quality of care, as well as the availability since April 2018 of more accurate data on nurse staffing levels in each community or center.

To be eligible for an overall rating, a center must have received reimbursement from CMS in July 2020 and had sufficient data to evaluate quality in that rating.

To be eligible for a short-stay rating, a center's performance on at least one outcome measure and data on either physical therapy time or RN and total nurse staffing must have been available from CMS. Outcome measures included the percentages of short-stay patients who were rehospitalized within 30 days, had an emergency room visit within 30 days and were successfully discharged to their home or community.

PMMA has 15 senior living communities and two hospices in Kansas and Missouri, and a new campus under development in Colorado Springs. The organization has been providing quality senior services guided by Christian values to seniors for more than 70 years.